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Synopsis

When the last prodigy level esper on Earth disappeared, Earth was in deep trouble of becoming another species' colony. The ordinary Han, with his intelligence and hardworking character, was able to make a fortune after “accidentally” stepping into the world of dark net, later purchasing an esper power crystal that brought him the ultimate power that changed the fate of the universe.

Dark net is a subset of the Deep Web that is not only not indexed by traditional search engines, but that also requires special tools like specific proxy or authentication to gain access. Dark net is not restricted by any law or morals, so the dark net market has everything that is prohibited by the law. Drugs, slaves, firearms, uranium, bioweapons, rare animals, human testing, assassination, and the list goes on. During the year of 2075 on Earth, Han Lang logged into the largest hyperspace dark net market, and our story begins.

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Chapter 1: A Belated Gift

It was May, a sunny day.

It was already evening by the time Han Lang walked out of the school with his backpack. He threw his books into the garbage can. Three years of high school finally came to an end and the books no longer had any value to him.

Suddenly, a slightly chubby guy placed his arm around Han Lang. His name was Li Qi, Han Lang's long time bro. He wasn't really fat, he just belonged to a rich family. Due to the benefits of such status, he had lighter skin than the other guys, as well as being slightly higher in body fat concentration.

Li Qi smiled and said, "We're finally done, let's find a place and go celebrate. The bill is on me!"

Someone's paying?! Everyone cheered, but Wang Yan, another one of Han Lang's friends, hesitated and said, "I have to pass today. I have to start preparing for university entrance exams. After all we are only ordinary guys with no super powers... If we don't get into university, it will be hard for us to even find a job."

The atmosphere became a little awkward as everyone was reminded of the difficulty that lied ahead. This is the Galactic Era, a heaven for the blessed people with super powers, espers. These espers could have the wealth, power, women, and whatever else they would ever want, while the ordinary citizens were just low class workers.

Ever since the birth of the galactic and super power era, all the rules and norms changed, as if the world has become molded for those with special abilities. Espers were allowed to use transportation and hotels for free, be employed at any job they want, go to any school they desire, and also receive bonuses every month from the United Government. Meanwhile, the ordinary ones which consists of the majority of the population faces fierce competitions for school and jobs. Due to this difference in treatment, more than half of the ordinary people are stuck living in poverty and despair.

Although everyone was happy that they graduated, they would have to apply to university in a month. Not everyone can be as care free as Li Qi who was still in the mood to party, since they were feeling a ton of pressure.

“Then I guess I will pass too, my mom is waiting for me for dinner.” Jiang Xiao Yan adjusted her glasses and said.

“So boring!” Li Qi gave her a look and said.

“I have to catch the train, so...” Another girl said.

“You live right behind the school, what train are you talking about!” Li Qi started to get a bit angry.

However it didn't matter how hard Li Qi tried to convince the others to stay, all the students left, and Han Lang also packed his backpack, waved at Li Qi and said, “Not everyone's has as secure a

future as you, I have to go home too.”

“You can’t leave!” Li Qi got anxious and said, “You think I’m inviting these chicks because I got nowhere else to spend my money? Today’s your birthday!”

Han Lang smiled and said, “I know man, thanks. But I really have something to do today. After I find a job, I will buy you a Jumbo Beef Bun.”

“Only you would treat a Jumbo Beef Bun as a good meal. I was planning to go with you to that Japanese restaurant, with your favorite surf clam and sweet shrimp!” Although Li Qi tried to tempt Han Lang with delicious food, Han Lang was not affected at all.

“Anytime is fine, but I really can’t today.” Han Lang smiled, and he started heading back.

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Every day, as Han Lang walked home, he passes by a super power training school called Pinnacle. Its LED screen was playing a promotional video today as well, “Be the next hero! YES YOU CAN!”

Han Lang didn’t believe in the advertisement’s claim on turning ordinary men into superheroes, because after all super powers were not like cabbages. You can’t just get it because you want to.

In the days with no superheroes, the entire United Government was in tension and fear. In the year 2066, the only 5-star hero on earth, Ke Lake, represented Earth to attend the Galaxy Meet. During the competition of all superheroes in the galaxy, Ke Lake demonstrated incredible battle capabilities and earned the admiration of other planets in the galaxy.

According to the law of the jungle, if a planet does not have a strong superhero to protect it, that planet has to become a colony of a stronger planets. Nine years have passed by quickly, and after the legendary Ke Lake attended the Galaxy Meet, he disappeared from the galaxy. There has been no news on him ever since.

Next year is the next Galaxy Meet, and if Ke Lake does not return and the United Government can't send a hero as strong as Ke Lake, then Earth will be colonized by the strong planets that have been longing for Earth's resources. In order to avoid this and reinforce its presence in the galaxy, the United Government has been giving its best effort to cultivate a generation of superheroes. However, the hope seems slim. After Ke Lake, no one was able to reach a power ranking of 5 stars, and the independence of Earth is entering the last count down.

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Han Lang lives by himself in a cheap apartment near his school, which was bought by his mother when she was still alive. It's a simple one room apartment, around 30 square meters and has pretty good sun exposure.

Han made some black tea for himself, sat down in front of the computer and took off his silver necklace. From the black pendent of the necklace, he took out a computer chip. This was Han's mother's remnant for him. He had made a promise to his mom that he will only access it after he becomes an adult, and although tempting, he has not broken it yet.

In the past, humans set 18 as the adult age, but due to the benefits of the Galactic Era, 16 is now considered the age when one becomes fully mature.

Today was Han's birthday, and according to his mom, he was born right at midnight. The present time was 6:15 pm, which is still around 6 hours away from midnight.

"Time is going by so slowly." Han stared at his watch ticking away and said to himself, "If it's only a few hours in advance, it should be ok."

Han rejected Li Qi because today was the day that he was finally going to open this gift. He wanted to know what was inside this chip for a long time, and every second he spend waiting has been torturous so he decided to check it out right away.

He inserted the chip into the computer's reader, and the monitor recognized it as a standard 1000TB USB, that costed about 12 United Coins (UC).

Han doubled clicked the Chip icon, but the file didn't open. The computer's embedded infrared ray scanner automatically

activated, and red beams quickly scanned over Han's entire body.

Infrared ray scanner is a standard feature for computers in the Galactic Era, mainly used for medical purposes where it automatically scans the body to check for any sicknesses and print out a prescription for drugs. It is really convenient for people who want access to regular checkups.

“Is there something wrong with the system? I just want to open the file on the chip, why did the scanner activate?” Han thought.

Immediately, a line of words appeared on the screen...

“DNA verified, Dark Net Entry Sequence activating.”

Chapter 2: Galactic Dark Net

“DNA verified, Dark Web Entry Sequence activating.”

“Connection successful, accessing Galactic High Speed Internet. Initializing...”

“Setting initialized, accessing the Galactic Dark Net”

“Login success, welcome to the Galactic Dark Net”

The whole screen suddenly changed and opened a strange website shrouded by a dark atmosphere. There was a skull icon on the top of the page, with both sides showing the current connection speed and a slew of unknown numbers. In the center of the page, Galactic Dark Net was displayed in a large luminescent font, with an “Enter” button below it.

The Galactic Dark Net?!

Han was shocked. He was well versed in computers, so he had heard about the dark net.

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In simple words, the dark net comprises a deeper level of the internet, and contains all the hidden websites and data within the internet. Just like an iceberg, the tip represents the websites that

you can find through a traditional search engine, whereas the rest below the water is where the dark net is. Normal people can't access them and most don't even know the existence of the dark net. Even if they do, without the proper software, authorization, and help of expert hackers, it is almost impossible to access them.

And that is not all. The most fascinating part about the dark net is that it has no regulations. Things like drugs, firearms, bioweapons and everything else that are prohibited by law are all traded openly on the dark net. No search engine can pick up the data hosted on them, and not even the undercover police can do anything about it because every post is anonymous due to software that can change the IP addresses up to hundreds of times every second. So, if someone wants to track a dark net site in the long term, they will require a lot of resources and labor. Even then, all efforts are most likely in vain.

Last year, there was a case involving the dark net that gathered the world's attention. A dark web site called the Greyscale Grid had sent location and security details of all the cash carrying armored vans of major cities to the criminals with super powers. These outlaws then proceeded to rob these armored vans and it was reported that they paid a portion of the loot to the host of Greyscale Grid.

Furthermore, it wasn't just money they robbed, but also women, art, jewellery, anything valuable or fun. There was another incident instigated by Greyscale Grid where a female Hollywood celebrity was kidnapped by these people, and she was forced to shoot sex tapes which were then sold on the dark net. Then, a rich old psycho found these people, paid them a ton of money and demanded to see this celebrity killed on tape. The celebrity was

raped and murdered on camera, with the video broadcasted live. This murder was truly an example of the lawless and unethical nature of the dark net.

Of course this horrible incident enraged the world, but the United Government does not have the ability to monitor or investigate anything that happens in the dark net. Instead, they set a bounty of \$1,000,000,000 UC and hired a team of elite hackers, some who were among the top in the world. The case was finally solved but with only two criminals being arrested, and the rest disappearing into thin air.

After the case, Han had heard that the hackers that helped the police only did because they had grudges against the founder of Greyscale Grid. The hackers also run a similar website as Greyscale Grid but lost a lot of its business to it, so if it wasn't because of the conflicts between the two criminal groups, the police wouldn't have been even close to solving the case.

The story didn't end there. The top 12 websites' founders in the dark net world were disgusted to see these hackers helping the police, so they soon hired elite assassins and murdered them all the following night.

After the three events, even at the cost of countless lives, no foothold in the dark net was made. It was still as unfathomable and mysterious as before, operating under its own dark shroud.

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What mother left behind is actually a dark net pass, not just the measly dark net on earth, but one that spreads through the entirety of the galaxy! The most infamous criminals and hackers in the galaxy are concentrated in this lawless world of dark net!

Excitement came after shock, and doubt came after excitement. Han didn't understand why his mother had left him with such thing? Could she be a hacker? Staring at mother's portrait on the wall, regardless, mother is the one that showered him with selfless warmth and love. Whether she was a hacker, does it really matter? Now that his mother had left him with the Galactic Dark Net (GDN) pass, he must make good use of it and not disappoint her. At that moment, Han lightly clicked on the "enter" button.

According to the rules of dark net, even if Han logged onto the GDN, if he wants to enter the different stores or websites on the GDN, he still needs corresponding galactic IP addresses and invitation. But of course, not all websites have that rule. Some of the newly established websites and stores were desperate for more views, and GDN can help direct some traffic to their websites and increase publicity.

"Do you have a need for the Spider series' mental potions? Torture potions, hallucination potions, combination potions, paradise potions, etc."

"Laser weapons on sale! Missiles and nuclear weapons as well, buy two get one free!"

"Sexy female slave from the Bai Shawa Planet, you deserve it!"

“Professional killer, does not discriminate between men, women, and children. If I can’t kill, I will return triple the cost!”

Han looked at the market place’s advertisements and couldn’t help but shake his head. This is the Galactic Dark Net after all, the level of insanity is way beyond Earth’s dark net.

Han randomly clicked open a female slave sale ad and the page quickly changed, into a site with many monitoring videos, each with the camera directed to a female slave. These slaves are locked in small prisons, in revealing clothing, accentuating their irresistible bodies. The design of this website was very “humane”. The customers were given the ability to command the slaves of their choosing, such as telling them to take a spin to display their bodies, or strip naked and perform some perverted action.

To buy a normal slave would cost anywhere between five thousand to ten thousand Galactic Currency (GC), and any rare species or noble class slaves can cost up to several hundred thousand GC. Other than buying, you can also rent, which is separated into short-term and long-term rent. All slaves wear real-time monitors on their wrist, and if masters want to torture their slaves, they just have to pay more. The most inhumane thing is that slaves can also be sold in parts: a kidney is worth 3500 GC, the heart was a bit more expensive, 4200 GC, and buying three or more body parts together can qualify the buyer for a discount.

How cruel. The oldest of the slaves are only in their late 20s, and the young ones are still children, all wearing an electric ring around their neck and locked away in small cages. So pitiful and

miserable, living lives under the despair that no one else can imagine.

Although there were many attractive girls among the slaves, Han decided to leave this website and headed onto another store that focused on selling firearms and ammunition.

Chapter 3: Super Inheritance

Han spent a long time browsing the dark web, going from slave trade sites to looking at sales for psychic power potions, weapons, and even different types of galactic battle ships. In conclusion, as long as you have money, the dark net has everything you will ever want.

“What do I need the most?” Han asked himself, and started thinking as he stared into the night.

He quickly made his decision, what he needs the most is a super power. After all, it is the Galactic era, where the espers are granted unlimited privileges and favours. You could hold your head high anywhere you go, not to mention the monthly bonus that is paid to you by the United Government. Most importantly, next year is the Galactic Meet, the competition where Earth lost its strongest hero, Ke Lake. Due to the lack of any new supreme talents right now, it is not impossible for Earth to lose and become a colony for another planet.

Although it's called being the colony of another planet, the actual relationship will be more like slavery. Earth's resources will be exploited, and its people will no longer have rights. As he thought of the possibility of becoming someone's slave, he felt a chill down his spine.

However, he can avoid this fate if he obtains a superpower. Even if Earth becomes the colony of another planet, he can still leave and travel to another planet to live because espers are not bound by the same rules. While ordinary humans can't even apply for a

galactic passport and are stuck at Earth, people with super powers can travel without restrictions.

Super power originates from source energy, and the ones that have powers usually already had it since they were born. But Han is already 16, far gone past the age to collect and cultivate source energy. If he was left alone, it was already certain that he will not obtain any super powers.

“Maybe the dark net can help.” Han thought.

He revisited the GDN, but this time Han went to the discussion forum instead of the market. All websites on the Dark Net were independent, and those well-established stores of course won't need to advertise on the home page. They already have an established client base, so they didn't need to take any unnecessary risks and could just hide in the depths of the dark net conducting their business. It's hard to find these kinds of stores, but luckily there are always chatty posters on the forums that write posts to show off the awesome websites they've found.

People that visit forums all know that without the help of a search engine, it is very difficult to find what they are looking for in sea of threads and posts. The Dark net prohibits any indexing of pages, leaving Han no choice but to search page by page. Being the observant and conscious person he is, at the same time of going through pages to find posts on super power, Han also jotted down other websites recommended by people that could benefit him in the future.

Han has the determination and patience that normal people in

his age doesn't, and for the next three days and three nights, he spent no more than 4 hours sleeping and the rest all on navigating through the forums. The world of the dark net is too tempting, even when Han was resting, he was still thinking about those strange trades going down. The dark net soon took control of his life, and he spent even his time eating in front of the computer.

Finally, his hard work paid off, and on Han's fifth day in a roll reading the forum posts, he discovered a key word that immediately grabbed his interest: Super power inheritance.

According to enthusiastic netizens, after the death of espers, their brains will transform into a crystalline substance. If someone ordinary can get their hands on this crystal, they can inherit the power of the esper who died. However this way of acquiring power is prohibited by the Galactic society, and not-surprisingly it is being sold publically on dark net, although the price is through the roof.

Han could barely contain his excitement and hastily opened the link posted on the thread, and was led to a page boldly titled the House of Inheritance. The name sounds really cool, and the page displayed lists of different color elliptical crystals about the size of an adult's thumb.

“Combat Category: Normal Fire Type Power Inheritance, \$10,000,000 GC”

The top listing on the first page already scared the crap out of Han... What is the equivalence of \$10,000,000 GC? With that much money, he can buy at least a thousand young, healthy, and sexy

female slaves, or a small galactic destroyer that could travel the galaxy. But on this “House of Inheritance” website, it is only enough to purchase a small crystal? That’s way too expensive.

Han continued on reading, “Combat Category: Normal Water Type Power Inheritance, \$10,000,000 GC”

“Combat Category: High Level Water Type Power Inheritance, \$35,000,000 GC”

“Combat Category: Elite Level Thunder Type Power Inheritance, \$200,000,000 GC”

Han couldn’t help but shake his head, any combat category power inheritance was priced at a minimum of \$10,000,000 GC, and there also existed crystals above a hundred million GC. Non battle type crystals are a bit cheaper but they were still unaffordable. The most basic calculation type power asks for a million GC, and any higher level sensory powers need at least three or four million GC.

If Han had money, he would for sure choose the best combat power on the market, who wouldn’t want to be the best? If you get those powers that helps you calculate math faster, you still won’t beat the quantum computer...

But the thing is, Han is broke, and he couldn’t even afford the power he didn’t even want to get in the first place.

After reading the instruction post on House of Inheritance, Han started worrying. It says that there is a limit to the time span in one's life that one could inherit a power: range was 100 days before to 100 days after one's 16th birthday. If you are too young, the shockwave when absorbing the power crystal can shatter your neuron connections and kill you; if you are too old, your brain has already fully developed and won't be flexible enough to absorb any power crystals. If you want to successfully inherit the power, you need to use the crystal within the stated two hundred days period, not even one day earlier or later.

Five days ago, Han just had his 16th birthday, so that means he only has 95 days. If he cannot get a crystal within the next 95 days, he won't be able to acquire any super powers in this lifetime.

"Holy crap, so much pressure!", Han lightly clicked on the tab to arrange the crystals from cheapest first to see the least pricy choice available, since having some random useless power is still better than having none.

The list instantly refreshed, and the first item shocked Han. It was a bucket of black rocks, still labelled as power crystals even though they were not only ugly, but it was also impossible to tell what power any of them actually contained. As a result, the merchants had decided to sell them at the relatively minuscule price of ten thousand GC each.

"Isn't this a bit irresponsible..." Han thought to himself. Actually, you can't blame the seller, because the source of all these power crystals was said to be through grave robbery. Basically, the merchants investigated which abilities the esper had and where

these espers were buried, and then they find the right time to dig them up and take out the crystal inside their brain. But accidents do happen, and as people dig, they might have made a mistake and uncover some unknown corpse. The crystals in these unknown people's brains were usually lower quality and also their appearances were usually uglier. Even the tiniest mosquito still had protein, as the saying goes, so these types of unknown crystals are still kept and sold for a discounted price. However, there is still another reason behind the cheap pricing: the better quality the power crystal, the more transparent it is and the more pure the color. Fire types are usually red, water types are usually blue, light types are white, and so on. These black rocks are usually the lowest quality inheritance crystals, not to mention that their power is unknown, and that's why they are being sold for dirt cheap.

This reminded Han of a funny story Li Qi had told him a while back. Li Qi is from a business family and they traveled a lot and had a lot of acquaintances. Sometimes, these acquaintances also visited them. One day, an esper visited them. After all, the ratio of espers to ordinary people on Earth is around one in one hundred thousand, so Li and his family was very polite to this visitor, and asked him to stay for dinner to ask what kind of power he has. After knowing the answer, Li's dad almost fainted: this guy's power was actually the growth of teeth. So if he accidentally loses a tooth, he will grow a new one within three days. What kind of power is growing more teeth? Does it enhance your chewing ability and help you eat more or something?!

Han sighed, these cheap rocks probably contain useless powers like teeth growth or something, but as he considered more, even that guy with the teeth growth power can still receive bonuses from the government, use flight and hotel services for free, and enjoy a lot more other benefits. Even though it sounds stupid, but

he still gets tons of perks.

If Han buys one of those rocks for ten thousand GC, guess the luckiest he can be is a playboy.

Sigh, “I guess I should think about making more money first,” Han thought, because even those garbage abilities cost at least ten thousand GC.

Chapter 4: Drug Index Numbers

Han decided that he must first acquire a power even if it's the most useless power in the universe, and the only obstacle in his way was the ten thousand GC fee. Like most people, the first place that Han thought of for making this sum was the Galactic trade. Selling Earth's specialties on the dark net could fill the price difference.

So, Han started focusing on his big dream of making Galactic coins. He soon realized, however, that galactic trade was not as easy as he had first thought. Looking at the entire galaxy, Earth had one of the prettiest natural environment that is also optimal for living. However, in comparison to the other planets, its resources, products, and production capabilities are many tiers below the average level. Up until now, there is still a large deficit in trade with other, more powerful planets. Even the United Government is trying hard to export more goods in exchange for those valuable Galactic Coins. Currently, the only few industries that can generate revenue for the United Government were tourism, handicrafts and a few more. Besides, the Galactic Dark Net was where weapons, drugs, and other outlawed merchandise were traded. If someone started selling things like handicrafts, people will take one look and laugh their butts off.

After wasting around two days, Han was exhausted and fell onto the sofa. He turned on the TV and watched some news to give his brain a break. Spending a whole week on the dark net, he had missed a lot of current events on Earth, and the majority was relevant to the espers. Using the average ratio of one over one hundred thousand, the 15 billion population on Earth has around 150 thousand espers, and these people were the main force of protection for Earth. However, due to the lack of a higher

governing power for these espers, they were also a main source of chaos on Earth.

It's simple, let's say that there was an esper with pyromancer capabilities that could blow up a concrete wall with just a casual wave of his hand. Do you think that he will just live humbly as a normal citizen and accept those insignificant monthly wages, or was it more likely for him to rob a bank and become a millionaire overnight? It's obvious due to the super abilities people possess, espers usually don't care about rules and laws. Knocking a pretty girl unconscious and bringing her home only to throw her out after a few days, or teaming up to rob banks were very common situations.

There are United Government troops stationed in the cities so the security is okay, but the suburban areas have become the heaven for these lawless criminals. The large number of criminals are enough for the United Government and the Superpower Control Centre to fret over.

It has been concluded that the only force that can go against espers are their own kind, so the United Government invests heavily to hire as many super powered individuals as they can to maintain order and peace. But, the worst thing is, some espers use police/soldier duties as cover, and they wear their uniforms during the day and takes them off at night to reappear as the core members of major gangs.

In conclusion, the Super Power Era is a chaotic era. Crime rate is high, and Earth is soon facing the possible fate of being demoted into a colony. The internal conflicts and the external threats are

the causes of countless sleepless nights for the people of the United Government.

The News segment finished, and Han started watching the financial reports. Two incidents were being broadcasted, relating to the bankruptcy of all across the world. Due to the chaotic state of Earth, the Dow Jones Index dropped another 4%, the Deutsche DAX Index dropped 3%, and the Tokyo Industry Index dropped 6%.

“Index?!” Han soon thought of something.

Index is a commonly used financial tool, not only is there stock index, there are also resource index, inflation index, and all other kinds. Even the price of instant noodle is an important factor when calculating the United Government citizens' basic food price index.

Han didn't find anything similar to index numbers when he was browsing the Dark Net, and for someone that studies economics, the existence of index numbers are crucial for everyone. For instance, factories can lower production when index values drops, indicating a decrease in demand. For the citizens, an increase in product price index means that the food prices are going up and people should start storing food at home. If there is a weapon industry index, it can clearly display what type of firearm was currently the most popular, as well as the change in price and trade volume. This was all valuable information to weapon manufacturers. For example, if the sale volume of weapons spikes, this could be used by people to predict that a war between planets or an open fight between factions was going to take place.

Then, Han realized why Index numbers don't exist on Dark Net:

according to the rules, any forms of search engine or data extracting tools are not allowed to be used, but calculating the index requires extensive research of information on many prices, trading information and then compiling everything in the end. This just means, if someone wants to come up with a price index on dark net, they will have to visit over hundreds of websites every day, manually note down all prices and calculate everything by hand. In the dark net world, without the assistance of search engine and data extracting tools, if someone wants to publish index numbers then the stupidest method must be used, which is very time and energy consuming.

Han actually got very excited, “So what if it’s a stupid method? Every coin I make on the dark net counts!” According to the current conversion rate, 1 Galactic Coin converts to 1250 United Coin. So, even if Han goes outside to work, 1000 UC per month is already good enough. But, if he’s lucky and makes a couple GC on the GDC, Han would be considered a high-income individual by the United Government.

One of the four geniuses of Hong Kong, Cai Lan, once said, “Humans are strange, as soon as they become hard working they will succeed.”

Han doesn’t have a super power and doesn’t belong to a rich family background, so if he wants to succeed, he needs to work a lot harder than normal people. Although calculating Index numbers will be a lot of hard work every day, if it’s not because of the workload being so overwhelming that no one was willing to do it, how can an ordinary guy like Han meet this kind of money making opportunity?

“If others think it’s tough, and that they don’t want to do it, then I will!” Han immediately jumped up from the sofa and sprinted towards the computer, his fingers started quickly typing on the keyboard.

Even the dumbest method still requires some skills, first of all using a pen to write down the power and sales volume is impossible because it lacks efficiency. The best way was to use his voice. The current voice recognition software has reached almost 100% recognition. Han just had to read out the numbers and the software would record everything. Of course, that won’t be enough as Han also needed an automated data processing program which allowed the recorded data to be automatically filled into a table and calculated in the background. Han coded a computer program that automatically records data via voice, then calculate and analyzes the data. From his proficient coding process, it looks like his computer background is really good, probably inherited from his mother.

With only two days, Han completed a program dedicated for calculating indexes. How it works is really simple, first voice recognition, then automatic recording, then deleting errors, followed by compiling and calculating data. Ultimately performing model analysis.

Now that the program is in place, Han needs to consider what product he should produce index numbers for. First of all the product must be a popular category on dark net, have large daily sales volume, significant fluctuation in price, where countless buyers and purchasing agents pays close attention to fluctuation in price for that product. That way, Han’s index number can be a huge hit.

Staring outside of the window a long time, Han smiled, and typed down the following words, “Dark Net Drug Price Index”.

Chapter 5: Making Galactic Coins

On Galactic Dark Net, drugs are one of the most commonly traded merchandise. There are thousands of types of drugs currently on the market, all with differing effects. Mental stimulating drugs can cause one to temporarily forget fear, and it is very popular among soldiers, as it allows them to feel like invincible titans and fight endlessly. Shockwaves, thrill, demon blade, are all popular types of mental stimulating drugs.

Light hallucination drugs can bring pleasure and, according to users, the feeling can be even better than having sex. Moderate hallucination drugs can come with some risk when used by ordinary people, and high hallucination drugs are limited to espers because only their bodies can handle the effects this type of drug can have. Pleasure, super stimulation, heaven, sex experience, these were all typical hallucination drugs found on the dark net.

Empowerment drugs are very useful in comparison to the two types previously mentioned, for instance Pyromancers can take some stimulants to quickly enhance their abilities and strengthen themselves for a short period. Higher level empowerment drugs can even increase your power index number, improving one's strength, reflex speed, and so on. Flaming phoenix, Frosty ice, Sensation, Mental burst, Nuclear drive, these are all essential empowerment drugs espers should have to improve their skills. Many super soldiers will bring a small medicine box with them that contains these drugs, in order to address sudden needs.

The dark net also sells a lot of drugs used on other people. Honesty potion can force someone to spill all his secrets at once, confusion potion can cause a married woman to mistake you for

her husband, and temptation potion can persuade the most innocent woman take off her cloth...

According to Han's initial estimation, the GDN is selling over 100 thousand kinds of drugs, so if he wants to calculate the index number he can't take all of them into account. Instead, he will only be able to use the popular, most iconic ones to determine the general price for the industry. Han spent a whole month on GDN and chose 80 websites that are representative of the drug industry. From these websites Han picked out 650 of the most "Flagship" drugs to use as the drug index number's calculation foundation.

In addition to the current data, Han also needed to calculate the historic data. He set his daily working hour to 21 hours, with only a mere two hours to sleep, and one hour for personal hygiene and food.

After one month, Han had lost at least three pounds and dark circles had become common place around his eyes. June 8th came quickly, and the fresh index number that Han prepared a whole month for could finally be published. Han named himself Wind Speaker on GDC, which originated from a Hollywood movie he watched in his childhood. Shortly after, he published his first post on dark net and started nervously refreshing the page.

"It's actually pretty exciting." chuckled Han to himself.

The Index number for drugs has a resting value of 100, so if the number for a specific day is higher than 100, it means that the market is trading more frequently than normal resulting in an increase in price. If the number is below 100 then it indicates a

drop in demand and an increase in storage available, signalling the sellers to start selling with discounts.

When the first visitor views Han's post, he almost jumped up happily! Han's post soon passed the 200 views bar, but no one replied... Did I do something wrong? Han thought to himself and started reviewing all his calculations.

Everyday Han keeps his schedule very tight so he can't always keep an eye on his post. From midnight to the following day's noon, Han worked hard to collect data in order to write the Index number for that day. Han worked furiously and completed today's number in 11 hours. He added to the post list, and at the same time he noticed that over 1000 people already visited Han's post and there are also two comments!

User "Galactic Solder 101" asked, "Drug index number? Reliable?"

But User "No way to get home so I slept" encouraged Han, "Wow man, you actually collected everything by hand that's impressive!"

Han hesitated, and he decided to reply these two users. But right before his fingers hit the keyboard, the screen flashed, indicating that a user donated 1 GC to Han! This user called "White horse not horse" said, "Although I'm not involved in drug businesses, I'm impressed with your hard work, you actually collected all the data for the past year to construct this index system. Although 1 GC isn't much but it's my token of appreciation."

Immediately, Han felt the urge to cry his eyes out!

Hurray to nice people in the world!

Holy crap. Just to calculate the index number, Han did a ton of work, and the beginning was the time when Han needed the most encouragement and appraisal. Although White horse not horse only donated 1 GC, but it significantly increased Han's confidence and strengthened his determination to continue updating the index number no matter how hard it gets.

For the next half of the day Han didn't receive any more donation nor subscribers. But it was okay since White horse not horse's encouragement was already enough to keep Han going for a while. At midnight, Han visited all 80 websites again to collect the data. This time, it only took him 10 hours and 53 minutes, slightly faster than before. Han noticed that calculating Index is a bit tough in the beginning stage, but as soon as the model is established, workload will slowly decrease as proficiency goes up.

Now, Han's post already reached more than 10 thousand people! Aside from the horse guy, another two nice users donated 1 GC each. Now Han is worth 3 GC, which equals to 3750 UC on earth!

The first person to subscribe to Han's drug market index is a user called "Night Walker", and he subscribed on the fifth day of Han's first post. He didn't leave any comments, just simply transferred 3 GC from the forum's subscription function to subscribe for a month of index numbers.

Honestly, Han didn't set the subscription too high, 3 GC a month, a seasonal subscription discount lowers it to 8 GC for 3 months, high year subscription is 13 GC, and subscribing for the whole year is as cheap as 24 GC. Maybe Night Walker is the manager of a drug market website, and for these drug lords a few GC is nothing.

After someone subscribes, Han would email the full version of drug index to the subscriber, which is different from the public version because it also includes specific daily trade volumes and trend analysis which Han wrote himself. The package totaled about 30 to 40 pages of detailed data. He hadn't ever worked so hard on a report, even for school...

His finger was shaking just before he hit sent, he was quite nervous about whether his first subscriber would be satisfied with his data. Beside the email function is Han's GC account, including the 3 GC subscription fee and other 8 users' donation, Han has made 11 GC which equals to 13585 UC already.

Every day, Han spent 11 hours generating the index numbers and the rest of his free time continuing to explore the drug market. He was hoping to find the drug markets hidden even deeper in the dark web, in order to expand the historic record of drug index numbers and improve on the existing calculation model.

Of course, hard work yields results, evident by the daily increase in subscriber numbers to Han's index number, and Han continued to meticulously generate daily index numbers, carefully protecting the hard-earned viewer base and saving every coin he earned.

Chapter 6: Pinned To The Top

A planet far away in the galaxy named Sala Tumu.

In a dark underground office, an elegant middle-age and looking man in glasses was sitting in front of the computer, checking out today's drug price index. He was the "Night Walker", the first one to subscribe to Han's index.

From the start of the subscription until today, it had already been a month, meaning that if Night Walker wants to stay subscribed he needs to make another payment. Han specifically wrote a Thank You email to him for the subscription, and the wording was very sincere.

The office door opened and a young brown-haired girl walked in, placing down a pile of documents onto the desk. She smiled and said, "Daddy, hurry up and sign please."

The Night Walker picked the documents and said in a lower voice, "I already told you, don't call me dad at work, you have to call me boss. Also, I'd like to formally inform you that you lost the bet we had a month ago."

The brown-hair girl was stunned for a moment and asked in curiosity, "That Wind Speaker guy is still doing it?"

Night Walker projected the computer screen onto the office wall, pointed at a detailed graph said, "Not only did he persevere, he's actually doing it pretty well. At first he could only provide last

year's data model, and now he included the last two years in his trend graph, and also added a new feature predicting the next popular product.

The girl made a funny face, putting her arms around Night Walker and said, "This guy's actually pretty stubborn, I didn't know he had such determination. Looks like I lost, I guess I will personally cook a big meal for you tonight."

Night Walker actually didn't care about the bet he won, it was just for fun anyways, not to mention the taste of the kind of "substance" his daughter makes....

"Dad, do you think the Wind Speaker guy is cheating and using some type of search engine tool that can locate different data? Did he really do everything by hand?"

Night Walker smiled, "Silly girl, just because it's the dark net doesn't mean it lacks supervision. The hackers that created this world is powerful beyond your imagination. They hide in the depth of the dark net looking over all activities. Wind Speaker won't be able to use any data search tools, otherwise the hackers that founded this world will erase his existence immediately."

"All I can say is that this guy is very smart, he used a method that looks simple but applies a very advanced calculation model to derive those index numbers. He's very hardworking. For this index number, he probably have to work around 20 hours every day."

"20 hours? Does he not eat or sleep?"

“That’s why I say he’s hard working. He’s also very efficient because it can take a lot more than 20 hours for someone to check every website and process and interpret the data. He’s already kind of famous in our community. He really deserves it.”

The girl nodded, “dad, you really seem to like this Wind Speaker guy, looks like you are going to keep the subscription?”

“Of course. Although the index number is still not perfect, but with the speed of the index number improving, it can be very important to the galactic drug companies. Don’t forget, your dad is the vice-admin of the drug forum, I will give him some help within my power, let’s hope that he can continue his work.”

“How does dad plan to help him?”

Night Walker clicked the mouse a few times, “Let’s pin his post to the top.”

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647 galactic coins?!

Han would open his dark net bank account every day and he would see the amount would have grown a little bit, ranging from 10 to 50GC. Han is already pretty grateful for it, maybe a few hundred GC is not much on a developed planet, but on Earth, the

conversion rate in the last two month has been hovering around 1300 UC to 1 GC.

Of course, Han's not going to convert them to UC, because he has a bigger goal in mind, a goal to make enough to buy an esper power crystal and inherit a power before he reaches the age limit.

With only 21 days left, Han needs to make 9353 GC in the next 21 days in order to have enough to buy the lowest grade crystal. Oh crap, shipping's not included.

Han won't give up easily, but with the speed he's making money right now, it's nearly impossible to reach his goal. Suddenly, just when Han's about to close his account tab, his icon flashed: someone just ordered a half year of the subscription fee for his drug price index, so there's an extra 13 GC in his wallet.

“Haha, money's coming”

Han was pretty happy, and before he hit the close button, the number increased by another 3 coins.

“Two subscribers within one minute? Not bad.”

Immediately, another deal came in, this was for a seasonal subscription plan, and now there's another 8 GC in his account.

“Wait what's happening, is there a problem with the system or something?”

Han was shocked and quickly visited the home page, only to find his post was pinned to the very top by an admin.

The forum that Han is on belongs to the dark net's drug discussion forum, and there are a few posts pinned to the top, with Han's being one of them. Being pleasantly surprised, he clicked open his post and saw it was pinned by Night Walker. Han clearly remembers, this was his first customer!

“After a month of observation, the numbers have been verified, the data is also accurate, and the predictions are well-founded. Although manually calculating index number is a dumb method, what the forum needs most is people that can get things done step by step even if it means using old ancient methods. Post is pinned for encouragement — Night Walker”

Finally! Han start to get the sudden urge to cry, his hard work is finally getting recognized! After getting pinned, views grew exponentially, soon breaking millions within one day! The revenue from subscriptions on that day had past 6000 GC!

On the second day, the post was no longer pinned, but the popularity remained, bringing Han 3000 GC that day. On the third day, Han got another 1200 GC. On the fourth day, with the initial hype finally decaying, revenue reached 1000 GC, and revenue for the days after averaged around 500 to 400 GC.

Within just one week, Han's customers past 3000, and his account balance reached 16000 GC which was equivalent to

20,000,000 UC on earth!

Chapter 7: Esper Power Crystals

After a storm, the sky will eventually clear. Han's business was like this too. A week after having his post pinned to the top, Han's income slowly stabilized, earning 400 to 500 GC every day.

Of course, he can't afford those high level power crystals, but he still got enough to buy the cheapest kind which contains random powers. Regardless of good or bad, having an esper title is good too.

So Han revisited the website called the House of Inheritance, and spent 10,000 GC plus an additional 220 GC of shipping on the transaction for a random esper power crystal. For a big company like the House of Inheritance, Han is just one of a million customers, so when Han asked for instructions the customer service rep just impatiently told Han that the tools and instructions will come with the crystal, it's a simple process, and there was no need to worry.

Five days quickly passed, Han heard someone knocking at night, opened the door and saw a young man in blue uniform, with a package under his armpit.

The crystal arrived?!

Han quickly invited the delivery man into his house. After Han signed and received the package, the delivery man handed over a business card in both hands, smiled and says, "Mr. Han, I am Pegasus Delivery Company's representative on Earth, if you need

anything in the future, you are welcome to contact me. Right now our company is developing the Earth market, so things like shipping costs are all negotiable.”

Han kept the business card and thanked the guy. Wow, galactic delivery, using a ship that flew across the sea of stars to deliver. It was Han’s first time receiving a delivery from another planet so he couldn’t help with the excitement. Opening the box he found a submetallic sealed box that seemed like it was for rejecting detection signals. Esper power crystals were considered illegal because after all, these things are stolen from tombs and can’t be revealed to the public. That’s why a submetallic box with the signal isolation feature is used to contain the product, so that detectors that assess it will mistake it for a normal mineral rock.

A lot of illegal trades go down on the dark net, so the merchants always have a way to deliver these illegal products to their clients.

Han carefully opened the box, and within he found a black and dull looking crystal, a few pages of instructions, and a set of tools specifically made for the absorption of power crystals. Han took a closer look at the crystal. Its outer appearance resembled a worthless piece of graphite, and it’s too black to assess its purity. Also, not even the people at the House of Inheritance know what’s contained in that thing, that’s why they sold it to him for dirt cheap in comparison to other crystals. And about that tool set, it’s just a bunch of wires and a metal helmet that has two circular conductors at the temple spot of the head. The temple spot is the weakest spot that’s closest to the human brain, so that the esper power can be quickly transferred into Han’s brain. When Han read through all the instructions and made sure that he understood everything, it was already midnight. Han thought about it and

stashed away the box into a drawer. Do it now or a few hours late, it won't make a difference, got to finish today's work first.

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It took 7 hours and 52 minutes, Han noticed as he was checking the time after finishing writing today's index numbers. As he got more practice, Han's work efficiency was improving every day. After doing a bit of stretching, Han went to the washroom and washed his face, then he took the box out from the drawer and laid back on his bed. The metal helmet felt kind of cold sitting on his scalp, as he connected the cord with the black crystal. Suddenly a warm current began to enter Han's brain, and the absorber has begun to extract the power from the crystal and transfer it to Han's brain.

The energy that the esper power crystal contains will try to find a place to locate after entering the brain. All natural espers have a zero brainwave region (BR) where the energy for their power can settle in. Since Han's an ordinary guy, his zero BR hasn't been activated, yet the energy was already flowing in. What happens now? The only way to accommodate this surge of power was forcing the zero brainwave BR to activate!

The energy of the power crystal from other espers will automatically expand the user's zero BR, but it must be used before the brain region closes itself or just before that happens. During this period of vulnerability, the moment the energy stabilizes in Han's brain, it will form a permanent zero BR, and so someone ordinary like Han can automatically acquire the super power.

Time passed slowly, and Han started to wonder, the instruction says that a low grade power crystal takes around 10-15 minutes to finish transferring, but now it has been half hour and the energy transfer system is still active. It even sounded like the fans on his helmet were speeding up. Han's brain felt like it was about to explode, as if someone was trying to force something into his head.

Every day, Han works like a machine with only two hours of sleep, starting from the moment he opens his eyes. His body is already burnt out, now that he's relaxing his whole body laying down on the bed accepting energy transfer, he accidentally fell asleep...

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Ceng ~ (A word that imitates a sound)

"Work, no, I have to start working!" Han got out of his bed in struggle, his body's covered in sweat. The lights were not on, and it was dark outside of the window. Han's suddenly became clear headed, and he reached under his pillow for his cellphone. He found it, but it's shut down, Han was too focused on his work and he hasn't touched his phone for a long time.

Turned on the lights, Han saw the hanging clock and it was 9 pm, thank god he didn't miss the data collecting time, he was reassured and went to the kitchen to cook some ramen. He turned on his cellphone again, and countless number of texts swarmed in, the most amount was sent by Li Qi asking if Han was in any trouble and why his phone is always off. Other than him, there's Wang Yan bragging about getting accepted by a university, and lastly,

Jiang Xiaoyan getting rejected and saying that she's going to go back home and visit her grandparents.

After checking his phone Han realized, so for the past three months after he discovered dark net his phone was off, that's why he didn't receive any calls or texts, he thought he was forgotten by the world.

About that black crystal, it already disappeared in the energy transfer machine and became a ball of energy inside Han's brain. How long did it actually take? Han didn't know since he fell asleep, but according to the instruction manual, the higher the level of crystal the longer it will take, and the legendary ones will take around 6 hours to finish transferring.

"It's very cheap, so it probably didn't take that long... maybe 45 minutes?" Han tried to recall the events before he fell asleep. Sitting in front of the computer, he began to think about his power, he can feel a strong warm current that's flowing inside of his brain, and he can also feel energy throughout his body and a very well-rested mental state. But, he just doesn't know how to get his power out.

What kind of esper did I actually become?

He started to think about all kinds of stuff until midnight came around and he decided to get back to work first. He will visit the Esper Administration Center tomorrow morning to sign up, and there's a machine that is specifically for identifying powers, imported from another well-developed planet. It was said that it can also assess the esper level and force index.

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The Esper Administration located at Pudong occupies a 40 story building. Everyone that walks past it feels nothing but fear and respect, and after all, the people that comes in and out of the building are either administrators or espers, people that belong to this era's top privileged class.

The second morning, Han took the subway and arrived at the front of the building, waited for a bit and then walked onto the stairs. The security says with a cold face, "who you looking for?"

"Oh, I want to do the esper applications." Han said.

"I see, please go to the front desk to take the application, and after you fill it out related personnel will come guide you through the application process." The security quickly switched to a smiley face, pointing at the cute girl at the front desk.

"Of course, the treatment of espers is totally different." Han never got that much respect in his life, he felt pretty good.

"Sir, please take the form and go see Mr. Li on the 17th floor." The cute girl at the front desk handed over a form and said with a big smile.

Han nodded, folded the form in half and walked to the elevator.

“Wait for me!”

The elevator door was about to close, suddenly a huge hand came from the outside, followed by a big fat young adult squeezed in.

Han saw many fat people during his life time, but he has never thought he could see someone THAT fat, height above 2 meters, weighs at least 400 pounds. How is it still a guy, he's a freaking meat mountain!

Chapter 8: Void End

The “meat mountain” came into the elevator at the last moment. Although it was only him and the huge guy in the elevator, it felt pretty crowded and Han quickly maneuvered over to the corner.

The fat guy was dressed strangely, wearing a striped jersey, with multiple ponytails (TL: lol), loud music coming from his earphones, playing strong rhythmic punk music. Oh, and he’s also wearing sunglasses.

“You here for the test as well?” The fatty was actually really nice, he saw the form Han was holding and asked in a low and muffled voice.

Han nodded.

“Haha, I’m Chen Zhong, Chen as in morning, Zhong as in heavy. (same characters in Chinese) What’s your name?” the “Meat Mountain” asked.

“Hi, my name is Han Lang, Lang as in homeless (same character in Chinese).” Han smiled and answered, thinking that Chen Zhong is pretty heavy, just like his name.

Chen Zhong casually pressed the button for floor 18. Han saw and was a bit confused, “Brother Cheng Zhong, the girl at the front desk said to go to floor 17.”

Cheng Zhong nodded his head like he understood what happened, “That’s because they got it wrong. If you’re coming to see director Li Muyun to attend the test, you should go to the 18th floor. I’ve been here multiple times, I can’t be wrong.”

Han was a bit confused, because the girl at the front desk did say to look for a director with the last name Li, maybe she did get it wrong? Seeing how confident Cheng Zhong was, Han didn’t say anything more. But little did he know, the Esper Administration has two directors Li, Li Jie of the 17th floor and Li Muyun of the 18th floor...

Ding~

The two arrived at the 18th floor in a blink, and it was a long hallway in front of the elevator door. They walked to a room named “Test Center”, two security guards stood outside and greeted Cheng Zhong upon his arrival.

“Cheng Zhong, the director was just talking about you.” The female guard smiled and said.

“That’s for sure, I’m such an essential personnel haha.” Cheng Zhong isn’t really humble, he said while patting himself on his wide chest.

“Who is this young man following you? He doesn’t look familiar.” The male guard looked at Han and asked.

“This is Han Lang, my bro.” Cheng Zhong casually stated, and after the two guards heard that Han is with Cheng Zhong, they didn’t question further.

The sofa in the living room is quite comfortable, other than Han and Cheng Zhong there were a few other guys sitting apart from each other. A middle-aged man in glasses was calmly reading a book, a young girl with freckles on her face was doing make-up in front of the mirror, and a very buff baldy was doing push-ups with one finger.

There were fruits and desserts on the table for the guests, Cheng Zhong took two apples and looked at it, kept the large one for himself, and gave the small one to Han. The fatty is not only overly familiar but also not that polite.

Nom nom~

Nom nom~

Cheng Zhong’s giant appetite shocked Han, he just finished half an apple and Cheng Zhong almost finished everything on that table, and this guy started shamelessly going to other tables for food, taking all the food that was placed in front of other people and finishing it instantly.

Maybe because it felt kind of awkward to have Han always staring at him, Cheng Zhong picked out a piece of fruit candy from the pile of food he collected.

“How about a piece of candy?” Cheng Zhong looked a bit unwilling to part with it and handed the candy to Han.

“I will just eat this.” Han waved and said.

“Oh, then I guess I will eat it. It’s still a few hours until lunch, I will just eat some snack to hold off the hunger.” Cheng Zhong said while eating.

Snack? That’s just snack?

Han was speechless, he couldn’t even finish all that food in a week, and to Cheng Zhong it was just snack before meal? This guy must be rich, otherwise who has the money to feed him...

After Cheng Zhong basically finished all the fruit and desserts, a man in a white coat walked out from the inner room. He looked to be about 50, his hair was almost all white, and he was kind of skinny. There were a few other guys with him, whom Han judged to be espers, all of them with sharp eyes.

“The assessment is done, you guys can go and rest.” The old man in white cloth said.

“Cheng Zhong!” The old man saw the Cheng Zhong and yelled, “You little brat came late again, hurry up and come in. You guys can come in too.”

So, including Han and Cheng Zhong, all six of them went to the

room. The room was a lot more spacious than the living room, a row of 10 esper power assessment pods, pure white, looks like giant goose eggs.

Cheng Zhong seems to be quite popular, six guys in the room and director Li was just interacting with him.

“231 kg? No Cheng Zhong that can’t do. You have to reach 300 kg to qualify.” Director Li let Cheng Zhong get on a scale and said.

Han didn’t really get what those two were doing, so he followed the other 4 people, placed the form on the table, took off his shoes and stepped into one of those assessment pods.

“Director Li, how about we just get started first? I still have a date later today.”

Director Li didn’t turn his head and said, “Yep, just put on the helmet and press the start button.”

Then, everyone in the pods took out the metal helmet inside, then pressed the start button on the door, and the pods started to seal. The other four pods were already sealed, and Li Muyun was still doing assessments on Cheng Zhong, measuring weight, blood sugar level and height level. It seemed like Cheng Zhong is a special case among the crowd. Since Li Muyun told everyone to start already, Han putted out his hand and reached for the start button, and the screen displayed “Pressure Test Ready, on standby.”

“Pressure Test? Isn’t this suppose be the super power assessment?”

Han didn’t think too much and pressed down the button.

Then, the instant the pod closed its door, Han felt like a ray of light, passing the endless starry sky. Suddenly, a screen showed up at the centre of the starry sky, displaying that the system is assessing Han.

“DNA recorded, begin testing power features”

“Brain region breadth: Rank A”

“Source Index: 27, beginner”

“Esper Descent: Mystery Descent”

“Esper Class: Void End, Rank: Level S”

“Completed Assessment, qualified for Galactic Pressure Exam”

Han was so shocked, the statements that the system made unquestionably declared that Han is an esper, source index: 27, the possessor of the power of Void End of the Mystery descent

Mystery descent?!

Void End?!

Han wanted to cry out loud out of excitement, his power isn't garbage! None of those extra tooth growing power, but it is the most extraordinary type of all: mystery descent! Bought with only 10,000 GC, he thought what he got was some random crap power yet it actually allowed Han to become one of the rarest Mystery descent? Holy crap, that's like winning the jackpot!

On dark net, Han read up on a few posts related to esper and the different powers. Presently, all the powers are categorized into different descents, like Fire descent, Thunder descent, strength descent, etc. But not all powers are that self-explanatory, there are some power out there that are just as fearsome and powerful but very hard to comprehend, and these powers that no one understands were all classified as mystery descents. They probably account for the smallest population among all types of descents, you could say it's a ratio of 1:10,000 and Han was actually lucky enough to get this mystery descent power called Dark Void.

Who's going to believe it, a worthless piece of rock that cost only 10,000 GC give Han such unbelievable power!

Now that he thought about it, it's very possible that because mystery descent's power crystal is so rare, not even the experts that sell power crystals can tell the difference between those dark mystery descent crystals and random black crystals... How unfortunate, selling the rarest treasure at the price of garbage.

The crystal that Han absorbed has a very profound black color, completely opaque, very different from other crystals.

Shua~

Just when Han was busy being excited, he realized that he already got transported to a very strange place, at the center of the circular public square stands a monument, and it says Galactic Pressure Exam Centre. On the four sides are all teleporting gates that are 6 meters tall, and on the public square a lot of people enters the gates from time to time, and there are also people socializing.

Han noticed that the quartzite flooring gives a unique feeling when he stepped on it. As well, there was a blue sky with white clouds and a crowd of birdies flying. Then as Han's gaze moved around him, he saw that most of the people in the public square had a small screen beside them. Wherever the person goes, the screen follows, displaying everyone's passport ID, nationality, level, current score and other information.

Han realized, this was a virtual world. In simple words, virtual worlds extracts all vital information and characteristics about a person and creates an exact replica on the main computer. The environment and such are also virtually generated, that way no one will be able to get hurt in a battle.

Of course, it's still not absolutely safe, if an esper's level and control are both low, then as soon as the brain receives an enormous amount of data, the brain can become easily damaged, even to the point of causing you to become a vegetable.

“You are only a beginner esper?” Suddenly, Han heard a surprised voice behind him.

He turned around and saw the bald monk that was doing push-ups in the living room. He had a whole body of muscles, probably 27 or 28 years old. He’s very distinguishable due to the fact that he’s bald and it’s very shiny.

Han was a bit embarrassed, “Yep, my name is Han Lang, Lang as in the character homeless (same Chinese word). This is my first time doing an assessment, how should I call you? Oh, and also, how do we get assessed in this pressure exam?”

“Just call me Monk.” The bald guy was very surprised, “Who told you to do your assessment here?”

“Cheng Zhong.”

“Are you very close with him?”

“Not really, met him in the elevator... I was going to the 17th floor but Cheng Zhong said the assessment is on the 18th, so he brought me here.”

“17th floor? So you actually came here to register as an esper and the assessment you are meant to do is the Initial Power Assessment and not the pressure exam?”

Han was shocked for a bit, and responded hastily, “Ya, I just want to register as an esper, get a galactic passport on the way, but somehow I ended up here. I still don’t get the difference between this pressure exam and the Initial Power Assessment... But I do see that everyone around us are from other planets, and it’s just you and me that are from Earth.”

The monk showed a bitter smile, patted himself on his bald head, and said with a bit of pity in his voice, “You got trolled hard by that stupid fatty. Let me put it this way, the Initial Power Assessment checks to see if you have any super power and what type of power. But here is the preliminary round of the Galactic Meet Competition, attended by the top soldiers from all of galaxy, to fight for a spot at the Galactic Meet. A rookie like you coming straight onto the battlefield, you didn’t just screw up. You screwed up hard.”

Chapter 9: Pressure Exam

Just when Han mistakenly entered the pressure exam, Li Muyun also finished the physical examination of Cheng Zhong and said sincerely, “Go take the pressure exam now, you are our Shanghai division’s only hope, you have to do your best to make yourself fatter!”

Cheng Zhong, the meat mountain, nodded and found himself an empty pod. After seeing that the human meatball was about to go in, Li Muyun started collecting other contestants’ forms. When he picked up Han’s assessment report, he was completely in shock.

“Cheng Zhong, the young man that came in with you, do you know him?” Li Muyun dragged him out of the pod and asked in a low tone.

Cheng Zhong was naturally a careless and casual guy so he flicked one of his hair tails and said, “Oh, he’s Han, my bro.”

Li Muyun’s eyes got a lot bigger and stared right at Cheng Zhong, said raucously, “Bro? Do you have any idea what his level is?”

Cheng Zhong shrugged his shoulders, “How would I know, I just met him today in the elevator.”

“You just met him and you call him your bro?!” Li Muyun sputtered, “Cheng Zhong! You are going to be the death of me!” He threw Han’s report at Cheng Zhong’s face, and Cheng Zhong still thought it wasn’t a big deal, “My grandpa said, anyone within the

four oceans are all brothers. So what if we just met, why can't we bros? As long as he has good personality."

As he was talking, he took a look at the form and suddenly his face turned pale white, "Oh shit, he's just here to sign up as an esper, he's not a soldier at all?!"

Li Muyun doesn't know whether to cry or laugh, he started rubbing his temple point on his head and said, "Now you get it? Too late! He already got teleported to the Galactic Examination center.

Cheng Zhong's whole mountain of fat was shaking, he sighed and said, "He told me that he's coming for an assessment, and he also said that he's looking for Director Li and he also has a form in his hand... So..."

Li Muyun let out a long sigh and said, "Cheng Zhong, are you really stupid or are you faking your stupidity? First time signups for espers requires filling out a form too and then the noobs are put through Power Identification Assessment. About the Director Li part, the Director Li Lianjie at the 17th floor's signup office, what's his last name?"

"Last name is Li..." Cheng Zhong stood still, speechless.

"Notify Chief Chu, we sent a complete rookie to the Galactic Pressure Exam, we are in so much ****. What if he dies, what are we going to do."

Li Muyun looked at Han with deep regret. At that moment, Han was in the 9th pod, and he already completely entered the Mental Connection State, laying completely still.

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This fatty was such a troll!

Han was crying inside. As well, he might be in need of a new pair of pants. He just wanted to register as an esper, now he was brought into what seems to be a galactic arena by the careless “meat mountain”, what should he do now?

Han nervously turned to the bald monk on his side, “Is it too late for me to go back?”

The monk shook his head, “The Galactic Pressure Exam is not a joke, Earth doesn’t have jurisdiction here. We are both doing this exam for the first time so that’s why you met me here. Cheng Zhong and the other people in that room already passed a couple rounds of eliminations, so they are doing other exams.”

Han let out a long sigh, “Thanks for telling me, otherwise I wouldn’t even know what is really going on here.”

“Monks act out of benevolence.” Monk made a Buddhism gesture and continued, “To my knowledge, the first test in the pressure exam is called the Mighty Abyssal Pressure test, simulating the experience of traveling in the deep sea where you can encounter

attacks of all strange kinds of fish. If you walk one mile in the virtual sea world you will reach the first checkpoint. So yes, you only have two ways to leave, either you reach the checkpoint or you fail the exam.”

Han nodded lightly, his power source index is only 27 which falls under the weakest category, the screen beside the monk displayed that he's a two star esper with a power source index of 731. However, the contestants from all over the galaxy have ridiculously high numbers, going up to tens of thousands.

The biggest risk of entering this exam with low power index is experiencing disturbance in brainwaves during the examination, causing brain damage. If one's resistances were not strong enough, then someone is going to be really screwed... It's possible that when Han comes out of the pod, he would be a vegetable.

The best Han can do right now is just trying his best.

“Good luck, if you can get out safe and sound, I will buy you pig head meat.” The monk tapped Han on the shoulder and said.

Han and the monk chose two adjacent teleporters, waved at each other and stepped into them.

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After a stream of light flashed past, Han found himself standing on a beach under the sunshine, with many others but not the

monk. Maybe he got teleported to another exam location. If he can find the Monk he could've received some help, but now he's completely on his own.

After doing a bit of warmup, Han was ready to advance into the ocean. The first challenge of the pressure exam is walking under the sea, one mile means pass, two miles means good, three miles means excellent, and so on.

If someone wants to receive the invitation to the Galactic Meet, of course they want to walk as far as they can, after all the invitations will only be given to the ones with the top scores. But for Han, he just want to get out of here. In one piece. With a properly functioning brain. After all, the deeper he travels under the sea, the higher is the difficulty.

“Get out of my way!” A buff black man suddenly knocked Han aside, almost pushing him into the sand.

“Power index 27 and you want to go to the Galactic Meet? Is the earth you live on filled with trash? People like you won't even be qualified to be servants at where I came from, and you are definitely not qualified to come here!” The man said after seeing Han's stats. He was very loud and now everyone's looking at Han, laughing at how such a low level esper is taking the exam of the Galactic Meet. Han took a look at others and saw that they were at least two stars in level. He was really the only noob.

After the rude buff man finished laughing at Han, he advanced towards the sea with his back straight, appearing tall and proud, and soon was swallowed by the water. Han took a deep breath and

thought, if he's going to stand here and get laughed at, he would rather man up and get it over with. Now that he made up his mind, he felt his mind at ease, ignoring the people that were laughing at him, and quickly walked towards the sea.

The water was very pure, allowing one to see about 200 to 300 meters away. A lot of people were walking towards the light, and judging by their expression, they seem to be in a lot of pain. Even, the big buff guy that was just laughing at him seemed to be having difficulty.

Strange enough, Han couldn't feel a thing and quickly caught up to and walked past that buff man.

“What the hell... how are you even faster than me?” The buff man was surprised and started yelling. Again, everyone around them looked in their direction, with their eyes popping out in surprise and shock. Thinking on how they were way higher level than Han, but they were already having great difficulty travelling in the deep sea whereas Han with a power source index of only 27 easily past them, they almost fainted from embarrassment.

Han realized, since the sea environment is virtually generated, he can still breathe and talk. It's just that his body has to go through the sea pressure, and the deeper he goes the colder the water gets and the harder it is to breath.

Han smiled, gave the buffed man the middle finger and kept walking towards the checkpoint marked by greenlight. He quickly widened the gap with that guy, and looking back at that guy's face, his expression was priceless.

Although it is a bit difficult for Han too, it's merely the resisting force of the sea water. Everyone else looked like as if they were getting stabbed by knives or something. They had to stop to take a breath every few steps they take, hunching over in pain.

“This pressure exam isn't that much of a big deal...” About half hour later, Han already got to the first checkpoint.

At the checkpoint is a big screen, on it is a “return” button. Touching that button is choosing to go home and forfeit the rest of the exam. Han can choose to keep on walking to the second checkpoint which is another mile away, and his score will be a lot higher.

Han hesitated at the checkpoint for a bit, he didn't get why others find this test to be so difficult but he did it easily. Looks like he won't have any trouble going to the second checkpoint.

“Should I just walk a bit further then?” Han thought.

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Earth, Shang Hai Esper Administration Centre

“Oh shit! He already got to the first checkpoint, and it only took him 34 minutes. This is probably the best record held by any contestants from Earth!”

“Probably not the best, after all, the elite espers at headquarters haven’t taken the exam yet. But he will no doubt be in the top ten even if they take it.”

The 18th floor is now crowded with people, including Chief Chu, at first they heard that Li Muyun screwed up and they hurried over to discuss a solution. But, they saw this unbelievable scene, Han, the boy that no one knows about, who was only a beginner level esper, only used 30 minutes to pass the first checkpoint.

This score not only far surpassed other contestants from Earth, but also the majority of the contestants from highly developed planets in the galaxy.

The one who took the test at the same time as Han, nicknamed Monk with real name Du Ling only walked about 400 meters, still a long way to the first checkpoint.

“Haha, my bro is too pro, even faster than me!” Cheng Zhong the meat mountain laughed.

Li Muyun rolled his eye at that dumbass. A few moments ago he was scared to almost pee his pants, fearing that Han will get into any accident during the exam. Now that Han’s score is ridiculously high, the dumbass immediately forgot about what he did and started celebrating.

Chief Chu still has the emotionless face on, with a bit of tension showing between his eyebrows and said, “Han can easily get to the first checkpoint even as a beginner, it probably has something to

do with his super power. What kind of power is Void End?”

Everyone silenced, big eyes staring at small eyes.

“What, you guys don’t even know?” Director Chu couldn’t help but become a bit angry, “Hurry up and go find out! I want to know immediately what kind of mysterious power Void End is!”

Chapter 10: Rank SSS Power

Milky Way Galaxy, Lanboly Planet.

The Galactic Pressure Exam's main contractor, Moon River System Corporation, is located here. There are a countless number of countries in the galaxy. If a very important task like hosting the preliminary rounds of Galactic Meet is given to any country, then there will always be countries that aren't convinced. That's why it has been entrusted to a third party organization, the famous and reputable Moon River Corp.

At the moment, one of the three chief executives at Moon River Corp, Saita, who was responsible for the operation of the virtual examination world, walked into an office. An old man with both white hair and a beard sat in the office, facing a whole row of screens that were broadcasting live each pressure exam.

The old man is called Keli, among the three chiefs he was responsible for technology.

“Why did you call me in?” Saita said with his stern face.

Keli laughed, “There's a very interesting young man, take a look.”

Saita looked at the direction Keli was pointed, saw Han Lang who looked like the pressure exam didn't even affect him at all and decided to advance towards the second checkpoint.

Saita stared for a few seconds, frowned, “This guy is really strange, it seems like the extremely cold sea environment has no effect on him at all. So is he a fire descent or water descent?”

Keli shook his head, “Do you still remember Ye Shuihan?”

Saita said, “Of course, the only Void End esper in the galaxy. If we didn’t do our research on him, we wouldn’t even know that there’s such abnormal power. But Ye Shuihan has a pretty bad reputation, the people that like him loves him to death yet the people that hates him will chase him through the gates of hell.

Keli laughed out loud, “There’s no way around it, and he has Void End, which can nullify any power in this world. All those prodigy espers that consider themselves a world above others feel like idiots the moment they stand beside him. How can they not hate him?”

Saita started laughing too, “I still remember the old saying, and Ye Shuihan’s strongest ability is to turn all espers into a bunch of retards. Although the saying is a bit inelegant, but that’s the fact, Void End is very scary.”

“At first, a bunch of espers were fighting and showing off their ultimate skills and abilities, but the moment Ye Shuihan showed up, holy crap, it became a tragedy for everyone else. No one could use any skills and they had to fight like freaking primitives, stabbing each other with knives. Now recalling the Ye Shuihan era, it’s actually quite fun. Everywhere Ye Shuihan went was

complete darkness, power extinction!”

Keli slightly nodded and said in a serious tone, “Up until today, Ye Shuihan was completely unparalleled. But now, the galaxy has the second Void End esper of the mystery descent.”

Saita was astonished, looking at the ordinary looking Han, and at that moment he already passed the second checkpoint in ease with a long lead on the other contestants.

“It’s him?!” Saita exclaimed unbelievably.

“That’s right, it’s him, Han Lang, from Earth United, 16 years old, mystery descent, Void End esper, Power Source Index 27. The first examination ground we simulated the ice cold power from a 4 star ice descent esper. A lot of the contestants suffered greatly from the cold stream, but he wasn’t affected at all. The only explanation would be because he is a Void End esper who is completely immune to all esper powers!” Keli said in a very serious tone.

Saita nodded, “I can’t believe it, 400 years after Ye Shuihan went missing, a power like Void End will actually come into the light again.”

Keli stroked his hair, and said to himself, “Now that Han’s level is still low, he can only guarantee his own body to be immune to any power. Once he reach two star level, anyone within 1 meter range of him will lose their power, it will be hard to not be hated.

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Earth, Esper Administration, Shanghai Division.

“Reached the third checkpoint! Han already reached the third checkpoint!”

“With a Power Source index of 27 he already reached the third checkpoint? If I didn’t see it with my eyes, I wouldn’t believe it even if you killed me.”

“Oh shit! Han’s still moving! He’s not thinking of stopping?!”

“Reaching the first checkpoint scores 60, and every subsequent checkpoints grants 10 points each. That means, he’s at 80 right now and he’s advancing towards 90!”

“I already told you guys, my bro is really good!” The meat mountain Cheng Zhong started bragging unblushingly again, and the atmosphere on the 18th floor has never been so alive.

In the Milky Way Galaxy, the United Government on Earth was in a very weak position. In order to prevent Earth from being colonized, it is important to make sure that someone can successfully pass the pressure exam and enter the Galactic Meet Competition.

Including Cheng Zhong and many other espers, they are all working hard for the invitations. And accidentally, Han Lang

actually became one of the hopes for Earth.

Chief Chu of course was very happy too, if Han can really get an invitation, then it's pride for him and the entirety of Asia as well. But, that 27 Power Source Index (PSI) he has, he just doesn't look like someone with great potential... Even with the most elite power, if the PSI doesn't go up, one still can't become a true elite esper.

Then, Li Muyun walked to Chief Chu and whispered something in his ear.

“REALLY?!”

“It can't be wrong, Moon River Corp specifically sent an email to answer our question.” Li Muyun answered in a deep voice.

Chief Chu Li took the printed documents and read it. According to the present power categorization, S rank is the highest, A is second, B is a bit weaker, C is a lot weaker, and so on.

According to the documents sent by Moon River Corp, Rank S actually has subcategories as well, and Han's power was given Rank SSS, a total of 3 Ss! It means that it's the highest level in the galaxy!

But at the same time, the power Void End is also ranked as SSS on the universal Most Hated Power, meaning that the possessor is associated with the most risks.

Most powerful, most unreasonable, most dominant, most hated, most likely to get in trouble, in the email sent by the Moon River Corp, a total of 5 “most”s were used, which made Chief Chu a bit worried. The most powerful power has landed on Earth, it is extremely fortunate, but it can also be a great tragedy.

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90 points now.

After reaching a total of 4 checkpoints, Han looked behind him in delight, the buff man that laughed at him two hours ago is already so far behind that not even the shadow can be found. Han was a bit disappointed. If that guy can see him standing at the 4th checkpoint, he would probably be shocked enough to drop his jaw.

Initially Han decided to continue the exam not for the score, but just to prove himself to the people that made fun of him. Now that Han's not that pissed anymore, he start to worry about his job, because to him it is most important to make sure that he can earn several hundred GC of drug index, since that's his entire income source.

And the score, what use does score have? Can't eat it or drink it.

Only a few people made it to the 4th checkpoint. There was a very slim, scary looking guy. Han tried to catch up to him in the very beginning but that guy left him in the dust. Other than that Han also passed a little girl, with beautiful and shiny blond hair.

Thinking about that, he couldn't help but look back, the girl is a bit younger than Han, about 14-15 years old, skinny body, smooth, snow white skin, a very beautiful face with big eyes and a small nose. She was giving off the feeling of a heavenly beauty, as if she's a princess that just walked out of an anime.

Now approaching the 4th checkpoint, she already looked very burnt out, every step resulting in her slim and long legs shaking in unbearable amounts of pain. However, this girl is still holding herself up, doing anything to not give up.

In Han's eyes, this young blonde girl had unparalleled beauty, but she's very stubborn. When Han saw her at the 4th checkpoint she also saw him, that pair of big eyes seems to have sparks flying out of them. As if she's angry at Han. She seems to have a tomboyish personality.

Han shrugged his shoulder, tomboys are usually trouble, and he personally likes girls that have a lady's personality. The girl looks like she's angry, so why get himself more trouble, better off going home and write his drug index reports.

Suddenly, just when Han was about to hit the Return button, the pretty girl with blonde hair fainted at one step away from the checkpoint, eyes tightly closed, the long eyelashes twitching nonstop, and she seems to be in a lot of pain.

Without a second thought, Han grabbed her hand.

Chapter 11: Little Devil Girl

If such a beautiful and charming girl were to fall down in front of your eyes, who wouldn't catch her? Not to mention Han was not impotent in any way (if you can catch my drift), of course he wouldn't just let her fall without trying to do something.

Han didn't say anything but instead, grabbed the girl with blonde hair by her hand, and pulled her towards him.

Accident or not, Han was a bit nervous and used a bit too much force. The girl arrived in his arms, causing him to feel two very bouncy peaches. Han couldn't deny it, it felt pretty good.

If you saw this now, you would see the spark between Han and the girl. There were literally sparks the moment Han grabbed her hand. When their skins touched, blue sparks appeared near their fingertips. Of course, Han didn't feel a thing, so he didn't think too much about it.

Han got a chance to look at the little girl's pretty face up close, as if admiring a piece of art. There were pretty girls everywhere, but she felt too perfect. She had pouty lips, not too big not too small, her eyebrows were not too long nor too short, a little change to her face anywhere is unnecessary because she looked like a heavenly beauty. Even her hair length was perfect. Someone this pretty should only exist in anime...

To be honest the girl was a bit strange, wearing full leather clothes from head to toe, with only her face and two hands

exposed. Han thought to himself, if she wore a dress to show her perfect body, she would be so cute. (TL: pervert alert)

Han tried to shake his head around to stop his pervy thoughts. He could feel that the girl's body was icy cold, holding her felt like holding an iceberg.

"She's probably sick." Han quickly took the girl's hand and pushed the return button together.

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As Han regained his vision, he noticed that there were countless eyes were focused on. Due to the gazes he felt while held onto this beauty, he guessed that people were making perverted accusations.

Han wasn't a gentleman, but he was not dumb. Even though he doesn't mind all these rumors, if people started talking about this girl being with another guy, it would damage her reputation.

Thinking about that, he put down the girl on the centre square, turned around and left as if nothing happened. After all, people can still feel pain in the virtual world but they can't die. Han knew that the girl will wake up after resting briefly.

After finding out how to go back, Han went to the teleporter that's in the direction of the sun. He briefly glanced behind him at the dim virtual screen hovering over the unconscious girl.

“Her name is Ye Weiwei. Hmph, her name sounds pretty cute. “
Han smiled faintly and thought to himself.

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“My lady.”

“My lady.”

After repeating several times, the girl inside the assessment pod finally woke up. She was the girl that was just saved by Han.

At home she was still wearing the leather clothing and a pair of gloves. The one that woke her up was an old bald servant who had a white goatee.

“Don’t help me.” Han was right, Ye Weiwei did have a stubborn tomboy personality. She saw the servant was about to come over to help her get up and immediately declined.

She first doubled checked her gloves and saw they were still tightly fitted on her hands. She then grabbed the two sides of the pod and slowly managed to get out of the pod. It looked like wearing gloves was very important to her.

“Did I faint?” Ye Weiwei asked the old servant.

“The sea was extremely cold, and My Lady didn’t want to use

lightning to protect her body so she fainted. Fortunately a young mister saved you, and My Lady has passed the 4th checkpoint and thus scored a 90.” The servant replied in a deep voice.

Her pretty eyebrows furrowed. She sighed lightly and said, “He must have been hurt badly because of me. That’s his bad luck, who told him to help me. He deserved it.”

The servant smiled, “My Lady, although that mister did feel the electricity when he touched your hand, he’s totally fine.”

Ye Weiwei was shocked for a sec, but said coldly, “That’s impossible, you don’t have to lie. I won’t feel bad for hurting someone.”

The servant replied again very sincerely, “It’s actually true, and My Lady actually fainted one meter away from the 4th checkpoint, it was also that young mister that held your hand and pushed the “return” button for you, otherwise My Lady wouldn’t have gotten the 90 points.

“I don’t believe it!” Ye Weiwei ordered unruly, “Show me the recording.”

“Yes My Lady.” The servant displayed the recording of the whole incident to her.

When he saw Han’s hand holding her own and the resulting blue sparks, Ye Weiwei felt an evil pleasure. After all she’s the lightning

storm girl, and power she had was just that dominant. No one could touch Ye Weiwei's body, regardless if it's a man or a woman, they will all get hurt by the lightning storm that follows Ye Weiwei.

Judging by this point, Ye Weiwei was indeed powerful, but also lonely. She can't touch anyone, nor can anyone touch her. It's a barrier that couldn't be breached. To be a girl that is untouchable for the rest of her life, was it really a good thing?

Ye Weiwei was stunned, because she noticed that Han touched her hand and nothing happened. He even shamelessly took her hand to press the "return" button and bring her to safety. What's even more enraging is, after they returned to centre square, Han just dumped her on the ground and walked around without even looking back at her once!

"What a Shameless person!" Ye Weiwei blushed, and yelled in rage.

The old servant was a bit confused, "My Lady, after all that young mister saved you. Look at the facts, if it wasn't for him, My Lady wouldn't have gotten 90 points. And if it wasn't because he wanted to help you return, he could've kept on walking, potentially even getting the highest 150 points."

"I don't care, he's a shameless person! Who told him to help? Do I look like I need other people's help?" Tomboy Ye Weiwei continued to argue,

“My Lady has the heart of gold, If My Lady wanted to use the lightning guardian there wouldn’t be any difficulty walking the entire distance. Only because My Lady was benevolent and feared that lightning can conduct underwater and hurt other people, she didn’t use that power.”

The little tomboy flicked her ponytail, got out of the assessment pod. Her legs were a bit numb, but she still pretended to be fine and said, “What’s wrong with the guy named Han Lang? His Power Source Index is only 27 but he’s not scare of my lightning storm? Could there be any conspiracy behind him?”

“It shouldn’t be a conspiracy, you two just met and never met before. Maybe his power is really strange, but unfortunately according to the rules, we can only know his level but not his power type. “

Ye Weiwei sneered, “Resist a SSS ranked lightning storm power? Is it even possible?”

The old servant hesitated and answered, “Probably not, even if there is power that can resist My Lady’s power, they can at most reduce the damage but not completely ignore it.”

“So, you have to look into this!” Ye Weiwei ordered, and turned her head and left.

The loyal old servant let out a light sigh, My Lady was almost perfect, just her personality is a bit too stubborn.

Chapter 12: Li Qi's Worry

Han went back through the return teleporter. Before he left though, he also specifically looked up on the information on Void End. Apparently, during the beginner stage, Han can void other people's ability. So, if someone shoots a fireball at him, the fireball will hit him but it won't be able to do any damage to him. It was as if the power entered into the void just before it reached Han's body.

Suppose if Han's Power Source Index (PSI) can pass 100 and reach the two star standard, he could then open up a spherical Void End Domain with a 1 meter radius. Anyone that enters the domain will lose their power and become ordinary people.

If Han's PSI passes 1000 and reaches the three star standard, then the domain he can open up becomes 10 meters wide in radius. Same logic applies for higher star standards.

"Not too bad, I can actually cancel other people's power." Han thought with great excitement.

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The light blinked by, Han opened his eyes and walked out of the assessment pod, other than the meat mountain Cheng Zhong and Li Muyun, there was another stranger. He was middle aged, had healthy bronze colored skin, with a square face and an expression that radiates a firm and persistent personality.

“Holy crap man, first test and you got a score of 90, if it wasn’t for that chick, maybe you could have gotten even more points!” Cheng Zhong put his arm around Han Lang’s neck and yelled in happiness, “That girl does look really cute though, bro I support you!”

Wait what and what??

Cheng Zhong was such a funny dude, he and Han just met today and now it’s like as if they grew up together. Seeing that Han’s score is so good, he’s happier than Han himself.

There was also other people’s seemingly exaggerated praise, which troubled Han. It was as if he had done something really extraordinary.

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The squared-faced middle-age man coughed twice on purpose, Cheng Zhong laughed and said, “Oh I almost forgot, this is Chu Li, the chief in command of Esper Administration Center Shanghai division.”

“Chief Chu.” Han said with respect.

Chu Li nodded, “Up until now, your performance during the pressure exam was extraordinary. Next week same time you have to come here and continue the pressure exam, this is your responsibility as an esper.”

Besides having to produce the drug index reports, Han still had a bit of time every day. Since the chief asked him with great sincerity, Han nodded and agreed.

“In addition, the thing about registration, I’ve told my subordinate to process it already. You just have to wait here for a few minutes.” Then, Chief Chu lightly nodded, and walked out of the pressure assessment center.

Seems like the chief is pretty serious, when he was here no one else (of course, except for the meat mountain) talked. After he’s gone, everyone swarmed Han.

“SSS Power! The best in the galaxy man! Even the monsters at headquarter are way weaker in comparison to you!”

“That’s right, you didn’t see it. When the chief found out about how strong your power was, his face stayed expressionless for quite a while. What’s unfortunate is that you started too late, your PSI is a bit low too, and otherwise the Chief would drag you to the training camp for sure.”

“Ya, no mistake, I heard Chief Chu sighing in the background.”

When the crowd started talking about that, Cheng Zhong became a bit unhappy, “What are you guys talking about? My bro just has a low PSI right? He just need practice! This administration center’s training facilities are free for espers anyways. Bro, don’t listen to them, the first round of the pressure exam and you already got a

90! Who has seen a score this high?”

Han summarized everyone's opinion, in conclusion his Void End is a very strong power and everyone was very happy for him. But because of the fact he started late, even Chief Chu felt that Han had limited future potential, so he didn't really urge him to do anything particular. Only telling Han to not give up on the pressure exam and see if he can get an invitation to the Galactic Meet.

Of course, with normal logic, a person who only discovered his power at the age of 16 and has a PSI of only 27 would be given the status of having low potential. But, what they didn't know was Han's 27 PSI was not accumulated over the past 16 years, it only took 1 day!

All the strange things that happened at the Esper Administration Center took Han a lot of time. When he left it was already 3pm and his stomach was growling. At this time the monk has finished his pressure exam and came out too, he tried very hard but only walked 1 mile so he scored 60 points.

After hearing that Han has such an amazing power and got 90 in the first round, the monk was very happy too, yelling that they should all go out to eat and celebrate.

Talking about eating, how can we forget about Cheng Zhong (TL: also it might be a bit gay if it's just Han and the monk)? So, the three of them left the administration center and went to the Peace Restaurant across the street. Han also gave a call to his best friend Li Qi who he hasn't seen in long time. Before, when he was still

poor, Han owed Li Qi quite a bit because he always asked to pay for the meals.

Han and the other two were all super hungry so they ordered a whole table of delicious food and started swallowing it chunk by chunk. Not too long, Li Qi also came. Han introduced him to Monk and Cheng Zhong, and also told Li Qi about his power.

With wide eyes, Li Qi yelled in excitement, “You little shit became an esper?! That’s the best news I’ve heard in the past two months! You turned off your phone for so long. Wang Yan especially asked me about you, she seems to have feelings for you. Now that you are an esper, she will probably run into your arms without blinking her eyes!”

The meat mountain Cheng Zhong started to exaggerate again. “What’s good about chicks from Earth. Today he went to his first Pressure Exam and he already hooked up with a super cute chick from another planet. Although she’s a bit young, but her face, her body was perfect! I was drooling on the other side of screen watching him, Han is for sure a lady’s man!”

Li Qi was stunned and then he quickly asked, “Hurry up and tell your bro how you hooked up with that space chick!”

Han was speechless, these guys were acting as if they were anxious to see the world in chaos ... saving someone can be interpreted as hooking up, what the **** is wrong with them...

The joyful atmosphere didn’t last too long, after joking around

for a bit Li Qi became a bit sad. He asked for a bottle of wine and drank two big glasses himself, as if he had something in his mind.

Han felt it's a bit strange, so he asked, "Are you sick? You don't look so well."

"I'm not sick, you are the one that's sick." Li Qi laughed and scolded at Han, then sighed, "I just came back from the hospital from visiting 4th grandpa. Ever since I can remember, 4th grandpa was the one that treats me the best. He doesn't have wife nor kids, and I was like his grandkid."

Han became very concerned too, "Is 4th Grandpa okay? Why's he at the hospital?"

"He's an esper, a few months ago when he's exploring the extinction sites he used too much source energy, which caused damage in his zero-degree brainwave region (previously noted as the zero brainwave region, which is the part of the brain that controls source energy). I don't know the details, the doctor said it's called regional brain atrophy."

Han answered immediately without any thought, "Oh, so that's what happened. The zero-degree brainwave region is where espers store their source energy, training and battling causes that region to vibrate. The harder the training and the battle, the stronger the vibration, especially if it continues for a long time, which can cause different degree of damage to that region. "

Han continued, "But your 4th grandpa has reached the degree of

atrophy, normal medicines won't be able to cure it anymore, it's necessary to extract young espers' brain fluid and produce into a medicine called the zero-degree vitalizer to increase brain cell activity."

"Then, it should be taken with a nuclear energy pill to quickly replenish the force energy, and only that can completely cure the regional atrophy.

Han spent the past 3 months writing index numbers for medicine, so all this knowledge has engrained themselves in his brain. After he was done giving the little speech, his three buddies at the table all looked at him with mouth open, and that's when Han realized that he spilled the beans, because the zero-degree vitalizer and the nuclear energy pill are all illegal medicines which they probably never even heard of.

Cheng Zhong's mouth twitched a bit and asked, "Extracting brain fluid from young espers? Isn't that a bit too ruthless?"

Monk is a bit confused, "What's nuclear energy? How does eating it quickly increases your source energy? How come I've never heard of such thing?"

Chapter 13: Extraterrestrial Raiders

Han had no choice but to explain, “Nuclear Energy is a type of source energy revitalizer. It is classified as a hormone stimulator drug. And of course extracting brain fluid from young espers’ zero-degree brain region is even more illegal. So don’t tell others.”

“Li Qi, tell me the details about your 4th grandpa, maybe I can help.”

“REALLY?!” Li Qi couldn’t be more excited, “Our 4th grandpa is part of the United Government’s pre-historic extinction domain division, responsible for exploring all the extinction domains on Earth. The risk and secrecy of this job, you guys understand it right?”

Han nodded, pre-historic extinctions domains don’t just locate sites on Earth but throughout the galaxy. Before the age of mankind, the galaxy and its planets belonged to another unknown intelligent species, but for some reason, this formidable civilization disappeared within one night. No one knows where they went, and why they abandoned the land they lived on for generations.

In the Milky Way, there were countless extinction domains, and these sites provided extremely valuable rewards when explored. From these sites, the gamma ray transition engine was discovered which resulted in the invention of space battleships that can cross the galaxy, the quantum technology facilitated manufacturing of super computers, etc. Without exaggeration, the current mankind civilization is built on the foundation of these pre-historic

civilizations.

Exploring these sites were the highest priority for everyone, resulting in extinction domains being fought over for by all the planets. After all, the ones in control of the resources in the extinction sites were also the ones in control of the future, due to possibly acquiring some super technology and formidable fire power that no one else has.

From what Han knows, Earth had a few extinctions sites that were kept confidential and were strictly regulated by the Esper Administration. Earth was always eyed menacingly by other powerful planets, and having extinction sites was a huge factor.

Li Qi said, “I just know that 4th Grandpa was leading a team to explore a newly found extinction site and a terrible battle took place. The exploration team lost over half of their troops, and my grandpa’s sickness was from exhausting himself in order to protect the team when retreating. “

Han nodded, “So it was due to accumulated exhaustion. Now, I only know two medicines that can cure your grandpa’s brain atrophy, but about how much he needs and what other medicines need to be taken on the side, I’m not too sure. I will go back and ask my friend.”

Li Qi immediately took Han’s hand, his tears were about to drop, “Han, you must help me this time, as long as you can cure my grandpa’s illness, my family and I won’t care about how much money it will cost!”

Han comforted Li Qi, “Don’t worry, we are bros, I will try my best to help of course, and you don’t have to worry about the money right now.”

After Li Qi shared the story about 4th Grandpa, Cheng Zhong and monk actually started acting a bit more serious and stopped joking around. Peace Restaurant’s top floor café was right beside the Huang Pu River and the most bustling business sector of the city. Accompanied by a beautiful view, the four started sipping tea and talking about extinction site domains.

Suddenly, when everyone was comfortably chatting, a black frigate sized spacecraft appeared directly above the business sector, not too far away from Han’s location. The frigate started descending at an incredible speed and came to a sudden break just a few meters away from the land. A huge gust of wind shattered all the glass on both sides of the street, a group of men in black hastily jumped out and ran towards the people that were shopping on the streets.

“No United Government flag nor military emblem, this ship just came in from outer space!” The monk yelled!

“Shit, could it be raiders?!” Cheng Zhong asked.

Raiders were a group merciless crooks and killers. Small and weak planets like Earth were the raiders’ favorite targets. It was just that Han only heard about raiding incidents from the news, but he never heard of raiders daring to raid big cities on Earth

under broad daylight.

As for these Extraterrestrial raiders' target, aside from valuable jewellery, they also came to kidnap citizens on Earth and sell them as slaves.

“The civilians are in danger! Who's an esper? Quickly follow me!” A man in a fancy black suit on the street yelled as loud as he could and ran towards the incident's location. The man wore flowers and red ribbons with the word “Groom” neatly written on his back. Wait a second, he was the groom who was in the middle of his wedding, and after spotting those raiders visiting Earth, the groom left the bride and the guests and ran straight to the battlefield!

“Mother fucker, let's go!” Cheng Zhong's veins were popping out on the forehead, he grabbed his headphones off his ear, rolled up his sleeves and was quickly on his way.

“And me!” The monk yelled as well.

“I'm coming too!” Han felt encouraged by the enraging atmosphere and yelled too.

“Then you guys grab on! I'm going to take you guys on a roller coaster ride!”

Cheng Zhong grabbed the monk with his left hand and Han with his right. He rushed downstairs with an incredible speed that was

uncharacteristic of Meat Mountains. This meat mountain was actually a speed descent esper?! Normally, he's as fat as a meat mountain, but when he starts running he's faster and more agile than anyone!

“Go get them!”

“Be careful!”

All these strangers in the restaurant were all cheering them on, but Cheng Zhong was really quick and the group of three disappeared instantly.

Shua~

Cheng Zhong took Han and the monk and sprinted towards the crowded business sector, on the way there were a lot of civilians crying and fleeing the area, Cheng Zhong agilely dodged all the helpless bystanders.

Han had noticed when Cheng Zhong started using his power, his weight was quickly decreasing. It turns out that his speed was converted from his fat. So it was a type of conversion power, no wonder Li Mu Yun cared a lot about Cheng Zhong's weight. His weight was his battle power!

Shua~

Another esper appeared right out of an alley, he's a bounce type

esper, capable of jumping up to buildings over 20 stories tall. When the incident broke out, he was just about to take a bath, still wearing his bath robe, his face covered in shaving cream bubbles, and he started running towards the battlefield regardless.

The civilians were trying their best to flee, and all the battle-type espers in the area, regardless of what they were doing, all started rushing towards the site as if they planned it together.

Han's group was pretty close to the business sector, so they were the first batch of espers that arrived to the scene, only to see 30 or 40 extraterrestrial raiders unscrupulously capturing civilians, especially the young and pretty girls.

There was a pile of blood on the floor, it belonged to the groom that was telling everyone to go to the battlefield. When the fight broke out, he was the first one to arrive, but he was immediately surrounded by the raiders. Now he was lying down in a pool of his own blood, with a black blade sticking out of his chest.

During the last moment of his life, the groom was still tightly grabbing onto a raider, not even letting go in the face of death. He was a fire descent esper and was using a raging flame to burn the raider's legs to crisps.

Under the raider's arm was a cute girl that was just about 8 or 9 years old, crying loudly. Fearing that he might hurt the child, the groom didn't dare to use his full power.

“GO TO HELL!” With both legs burnt, the merciless raider cried

out in pain. He threw down the child, pulled out the blade that was in the groom's chest and heavily stabbed it into his skull.

The blood splashed as far as 5 steps away from the groom!

The little girl was saved, but this esper groom had already left the world forever.

But today was supposed to be the happiest day of his life!

“I will fuck your grandma!” After witnessing the tragedy, Cheng Mu's both eyes turned red and he let out an angry cry!

Chapter 14: Temporary Formation

The tragic death of the groom esper on his wedding day had enraged all the other espers at the scene!

Although there were not many of them, only 7 or 8, they all started rushing towards the raiders in complete synchronization. They were charging with such intensity that not even death itself could stop them.

“Hold out until reinforcements arrive!” Called out a nearby esper.

The group of raiders were also espers so they felt no fear towards the infuriated defenders from Earth. Under the command of a bald dark man, they continued to calmly capture civilians, specifically targeting the young and pretty women.

The battle took place in the most crowded business sector in Shanghai, and Shanghai was also one of the largest cities of the United Government on Earth. Right now it was afternoon, during the most crowded time in the business district. The majority of the people couldn't escape in time and they were surrounded by the raiders on both sides of the streets.

Gengci~ (the sound of body getting slashed opened with blood pouring out)

Gengci~

A merciless raider killed two more young men with a blink of an eye, laughed loudly, and tossed the two young women on his shoulder into the frigate's storage room. Similar scenes were happening all across the street, causing anguish for the espers that were desperately trying to save them.

Unfortunately, these raiders were too powerful. With a team of fire, water, ice, and strength descent espers combined with the experience from years of working together, the raiders formed a strong team.

On the other hand, the espers from Earth not only lacked numbers and power, but also combat experience and synergy. They attempted to charge twice towards the frigate but were forced back by the raiders. Three espers had unfortunately gotten hurt too, which included the courageous monk, whose shoulder was hit by a fireball. The wound had a burning smell and his robes were covered in blood.

“Don't mind me! We must prolong the fight! Until the Esper Administration's troops arrive!” The monk yelled at Cheng Zhong and Han Lang.

“Let me!” Han has become completely blood boiled from the scene and yelled without thinking too much.

“You?” Although Han has a unique power, but he was never a soldier. Both the monk and Cheng Zhong knew it.

Han spoke in a deeper voice, “The biggest threat is the two long range raiders on the left wing. We must take care of them first! Cheng Zhong, use your speed and hold me as a shield to get close to them! Then, throw down the Monk to take care of the fire descent enemy that’s within range. We’ll then go kill the guy that’s throwing ice spears!”

“But you...” Cheng Zhong was a bit hesitant about the arrangement.

“Stop wasting time! I can void all powers so don’t worry about me. Let’s go fuck them up!”

Cheng Zhong and the Monk saw Han was already very determined. They glanced at each other and answered together, “Ok! Lets’ go!”

At the same time, the raiders seemed to have met their target quota. The bald black guy whistled, and all the raiders started to retreat back to their ship.

The raiders were very fast and efficient criminals. They cause a scene in one area, then they go to their actual destination, quickly raiding and pillaging before they escape. As long as they retreat before the Esper Administration’s troops arrive, judging by the current look of the forces on Earth, it will be impossible for the reinforcements to catch their customized frigate.

“Don’t hesitate, let’s go!” Han got nervous and yelled at Cheng Zhong and the monk.

Cheng Zhong made up his mind, he grabbed Han and held him up in front of him, and the monk grabbed onto Cheng Zhong's shoulders. Cheng Zhong suddenly concentrated energy into his legs, and charged right out of cover.

“An assault! Cover them! Cover them!”

Although the other espers didn't know who they were, at this moment they were all teammates that could die for each other. A strength descent esper quickly picked up some rocks on the ground and started throwing them at the enemies positioned at the left. Another water descent esper unleashed a water dragon to cover for Han and the group.

Hong! (Things colliding and exploding)

Hong!

The enemy's ranged attackers saw Han and the others charging towards them. They hastily changed their target and tried to blow Han's team out of the sky with fire balls and ice spears.

Cheng Zhong hesitated a bit, and reluctantly started using Han as a shield, using Han's body to defend all ranged attacks!

The fireballs hit Han's body one by one and disappeared into the void the moment they hit! The ice spears were aimed at Han's chest but shattered immediately as well!

Although Han is immune to the powers, he could still feel the pain. He endured the excruciating pain just to create an opportunity for his friends to fight back!

“Impossible! My powers stopped working!” The fire descent esper that was closer to the three man projectile couldn’t believe his eyes, there were people on this world that were not afraid of fire?

Just when he was hesitating, Cheng Zhong already arrived, Han raised his leg and kicked the raider right in his balls. The monk that was hiding behind Cheng Zhong suddenly jumped out and forced the raider to the ground. He didn’t have a weapon, so he picked up a rock and struck with all his might!

“I want your life!” The monk yelled like he went mad, and started smashing wildly at the raider’s head.

The next second!

The extremely fast Cheng Zhong and the fearless Han already arrived at the ice descent whose jaw had hit the ground after seeing what was happening to the fire descent raider. Cheng Zhong’s meat-mountain-like body went straight on top of that guy! Han picked up a metal rod from a piece of crushed concrete, gathered all his force and forced the rod right into the raider’s eye!

It worked! Han’s strategy worked, and they started cleaning up all the raiders that were firing down upon the espers from earth.

Within 3-4 seconds, they had cleared the raiders off of the left side, tearing up an opening in the escaping raider group.

“Raider attack!”

“Civilians under attack! Hurry to the scene!”

Shanghai was one of the biggest cities in Asia after all, with a population of over 10 million and at least 3000-4000 espers. After receiving the news, espers from all directions started heading towards the battlefield, and the amount of espers from Earth in battle reached over 70 in a blink of an eye. There were even more on the way, running like maniacs towards the scene!

In the group of espers that already arrived, the most fearsome ones was of course Han’s group. The battlefield was the best training ground, and all three of them were really smart. Their powers also had synergy, and they actually formed a great tacit understanding after cooperating for a short period of time.

Han who had the power of Void end was like the armor of the tank. Capable of cancelling out long ranged attacks. Speed descent Cheng Zhong was the engine of the tank, capable of quickly rushing between enemies. What happens after the tank arrives? They let the dogs out! Strength descent Monk was the perfect martial artist with a ferocious spirit, just like the sharp fangs of a mad dog! He bit whoever he could get on! One bite was deadly enough to drop whoever was close enough!

“These men are mad! Retreat!” The commander of the raiders

couldn't believe that the weaklings on earth were actually this insane, yet tenacious. He loudly yelled, wanting to flee with his subordinates.

The raiders didn't even have time to bring back their comrades' bodies and started running towards their frigate in full speed.

“Cut them off!”

“Reinforcements are almost here!”

The espers from Earth started rushing in large waves, and the situation was totally in their favor now. Of course they wouldn't want to let these bastards leave the planet. But the raiders were still using clever tactics, covering each other while retreating. The Earth espers were forced back, unable to prevent the raiders from getting on to their ship.

Hong! (Sound of engine starting)

The galactic frigate's engine shot out blue flames, ascending quickly into the sky.

The espers on Earth were anxious, with such great sacrifice they could only watch those murderers fleeing into the outer space?

That's completely unacceptable!

Suddenly, on the top of a nearby high-rise, a guy carrying a bronze bull statue jumped off!

To be able to carry a bull statue that's a few tons heavy, he must be a strength descent esper, but strength descent wasn't flying descent! Jumping off at this height would kill him!

But this brave esper didn't care about life and death anymore, and he jumped down with the bull in his arms, yelling as loud as possible to the end, "Doesn't matter how weak Earth is! It's still my home! I will fuck you at the cost of my life!"

The strength descent fell straight from the sky, and threw down the bull that's worth few tons!

Hong!

The bull hit right at the frigate's right engine, and flame came out right away!

The frigate that was just about to take off, was smacked right back down to the ground!

But the strength descent esper, he already used up all of his source energy, his body fell to the deck of the frigate like a kite with broken strings. The sounds of crushing bones resonated across the battlefield.

He was killed instantly.

Chapter 15: Sacrifice

These extra-terrestrial raiders never thought they would encounter such a tenacious resistance on a small planet like Earth. Even more unexpected was that their initial strategy of hit and run was entirely impossible to execute now. Nearby espers from Earth have been rushing towards the attack site at full speed and the number of defenders started increasing nonstop. The scarier fact was that they were willing to sacrifice their lives just to send the raiders to hell!

The cry of the strength descent esper before he died was still ringing in everyone's ears... That's right, no matter how weak Earth is, it's still our home! Come and leave as you wish? You still have to ask the espers on Earth whether they agreed!

Everyone's eyes were blood red!

The right wing engine, which was responsible for ascending, had been completely destroyed. The frigate lost its balance and fell back to the ground. The espers from Earth stepped over the corpses of their comrades and charged right at the enemy, each unleashing their power and flipping the whole frigate over!

Hong!

Someone smashed the deck window from the inside. It was the leader of this raider group, a dark bald, very muscular and ruthless looking man. He lifted up his arm and summoned a wall of flame, forcing the assaulting espers back.

Thirty something raiders grabbed the hostages they captured earlier and left the destroyed frigate, probably planning to use them as a shield and retreat to the rural areas first.

“Fuck the leader first! Don’t let them get away!” Han whispered by Cheng Zhong’s ear. After witnessing the tragic death of so many espers, Han felt such an intensity of rage he never felt before, staring right at the group of raiders.

Suddenly, a black dot in the sky was closing in, it was an Earth esper with a flying ability.

“Chu Li’s here!”

“Chu Li is ranked as a 3-star esper, these bastards won’t be able to run now!”

“It’s hard to say, they still have hostages.”

“If you dare to come any closer I will kill them all!” Seeing Chu Li closing in onto the battleground, the dark bald raider suddenly let out a loud cry. He then lifted his arm up high, summoning a fire dragon! This fire descent raider was really powerful, his dragon could fly up to a few hundred meters above the ground!

“NOW!” Han suddenly yelled at Cheng Zhong.

Cheng Zhong had been accumulating his strength. He unleashed it and exploded towards the enemy like an arrow leaving the string of a bow! He held Cheng Zhong in front whilst dragging the Monk behind him! It was the famous tank strategy!

Han was very careful with choosing his timing, attacking right at the moment when the enemy unleashed a giant fire dragon and couldn't call it back in time.

Shua~

The distance between them was approximately a hundred meters, but Cheng Zhong closed the gap within an instant!

The enemy commander's right arm fire dragon couldn't get back in time so he lifted up his left arm.

"Go die!" He cursed, wanting to unleash another fire strike.

"Throw me!" Han yelled.

Hong!

Cheng Zhong didn't hesitate and threw Han right out!

All everyone could see was a guy meeting the wall of fire in mid-air. The raging flame made contact with Han but disappeared as if entering another dimension, leaving Han unharmed. That dark

bald man stood there with his eyes wide open and couldn't believe what just happened.

Han flew right into him and forced the stick of metal right into his neck!

Gengci~

That dark bald leader was at least a three-star esper and Han after all didn't receive any professional training. He used all his strength but couldn't kill him on the spot, the pole of metal only created a bloody hole on his neck.

Although the guy didn't die, Han managed to grab onto and restrict the leader of the raiders so that he couldn't let out any fire spells,

In the next second, Cheng Zhong and the monk also arrived. The monk stepped off Cheng Zhong, prepared his assaulting stance, and used his most powerful iron fist and punched the raider right between his eyes!

Peng!

Blood, brains, bones and even the eyeballs were smashed apart due to the punch!

And Cheng Zhong used a table leg he found from god knows where, and stuck it right between the raider's legs!

Gengci~

Final Kill!

Seeing that their leader had already died, the subordinates all got scared. However, the enraged Earth espers have already surrounded them and closed in together!

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On the left side of the street beside a pile of debris, on the steps in front of a store, Han, Cheng Zhong, and the monk sat together. Everyone was holding a bottle of beer which was forced into their hands by an old man they didn't know.

The old man's granddaughter was among the group of girls saved today. He was so excited that he cried like a child and didn't know what else to do that was enough to thank these boys. He distributed the food in his grocery basket to all the espers that participated in the rescue. He's already very old with a whole head of white hair, but he bowed to every single one of the espers, nonstop.

Ambulances arrived at the scene one by one, carrying away the deceased heroes, those that used their life to stop the raiders.

In the middle of the street, a young beautiful girl in her white wedding dress was crying, her groom was laying there peacefully

in a pool of blood. It was just a blink of an eye but the wedding became a funeral. The most tragic thing on Earth could be none other than a turn of events like this.

Han let out a long sigh, said to Cheng and the monk, “I couldn’t believe it, all the espers on Earth are actually really united, everyone just charged with their life on the line.”

Cheng Zhong faintly smiled, “Aren’t you the same? The greater your power is, the greater your responsibility is. Seeing the evil people doing sinful deeds, how could us espers just stand there and watch?”

The monk was just sitting there, repeating what the deceased strength descent esper was saying, “Doesn’t matter how small Earth is, it’s still our home.”

The crowd got bigger and bigger, the ones that were saved were busy crying and thanking the espers, everyone that walked past Han, Cheng Zhong and the Monk all thanked them, and a pretty little girl gave them each a little flower.

Han didn’t like being thanked, because he felt he did something he should today. The real heroes were those that were killed in action today.

“Where are you guys going?” Cheng Zhong asked.

“Home.” Han looked at the direction of his home.

“I’m going to the hospital.” Cheng Zhong pointed at his burned wound on his shoulder.

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Han gave Li Qi a call, and walked home mindlessly like a zombie.

Everything that had happened today was too much for Han. It was his first experience in such a bloody battle, and it only reminded him about the kind of situation Earth was in.

This was reality, the weak will get bullied, those bastards dared to raid Earth under the broad daylight to capture slaves. Why? It was just because Earth was too weak.

And those deceased espers, they deserved respect. Han would never forget, the young groom that didn’t even take off his wedding suit to fight. His eyes betrayed his determination, without the slightest bit of hesitation.

“The greater your power is, the greater your responsibility is...” Han laid dead on his sofa, repeating the same line to himself.

The TV was showing the list of deceased heroes from today’s event.

Peng Zuolin, 33 years old, two star esper, strength descent, from

Jiang Su province.

Hu Hai, 24 years old, one star esper, fire descent, from Hunan.

Li Yunjin, 19 years old, one star esper, ice descent, from Shanghai

Liang Xuedong, 15 years old, wind descent, from Zhejiang.

Looking at these lively and unfamiliar faces, Han slowly tightened his fist.

Chapter 16: Earth's Rage

Esper Administration of the United Government, Shanghai division.

Deep into the night, Chief Chu Li sat at his desk and looked out of the window silently.

Chu Li was still waiting on the report from the reconnaissance unit, this was the third invasion from outer space since the formation of the United Government. It was also the most serious one, causing 7 espers to be killed in action, with more than 20 espers hospitalized, and at least 300 casualties among civilians.

Before that, Spain and India had also encountered similar attacks, but both of them took place outside of the city in rural areas so their damages were far more insignificant in comparison to this one.

After a few minutes, Li Muyun opened Chu Li's office door and sat in front of him.

"Chief, the reconnaissance unit still haven't sent their report yet?" Li Muyun asked.

Chu Li nodded, "We are still questioning them. How does your skill unit thing about this case?"

Li Muyun said, "This successful attempt at stopping the raiders

was all because of the courageous espers from Earth fighting with their lives on the line. The skill unit closely analyzed the recording of the scene and noticed outstanding performances from three espers.”

Chu Li finally became a bit excited, and asked in curiosity, “Which three?”

“Cheng Zhong that possesses a speed conversion power. Du Ling, a strength descent esper that is nicknamed the Monk. And lastly Han Lang, the Void End possessing esper of the mystery descent.” Li Muyun listed three names.

Chu Li said sincerely, “When I got there I was just in time to see those three killing the enemy leader. They used Han Lang’s ability as a cover, Cheng Zhong’s speed conversion ability as mobility, and the Monk’s strength as the main attack, and it was very effective.”

“Especially the Monk. He’s not only a strength descent esper, but also one of the heirs to an ancient martial art in Asia, a true talent.”

Li Muyun pulled out a laptop and passed it to Chu Li, “Those three are not just good, but under such a stressful situation, they were able to create a strategy. This is the tape before your arrival.”

Chu Li took the laptop and started watching. Li Muyun had taken all the clips related to Han and the other two and made it into a video. In the recording, when most of the Earth espers couldn’t break the raiders’ defence, Han’s group of three stood out and tore

an opening in the enemy's tight defense formation. They had played a pivotal role in achieving the final victory.

Of course, the other espers' courage all deserved respect and rewards. It was just that Han's group of three's temporary formation was much more effective and skilled.

"That was beautiful." Chu Li always had a serious face and rarely give compliments. "Their synergy, tactics, and timing were all perfect. It must be the Monk that was in temporary command right? Among the three of them, he's the most calm one and also with the most battle experience."

Li Muyun didn't say anything, he just slightly shook his head.

"It was Cheng Zhong?" Chu Li was a bit surprised, "That boy is pretty goofy normally. It's hard to believe that he can really be counted on during important times."

Li Muyun was still silent, he looked at Chu Li and shook his head again.

Then Chu Li completely amazed, "It's actually Han Lang? He didn't participate in a single day of training and was just recognized as an esper today, it's actually him?!"

Li Muyun said, "Correct, every idea at the scene came from Han, even the timing of all the attacks were chosen by him."

Li Muyun was one of Chu Li's most trusted subordinates, his words were obviously believed by Chu Li. However, the strategy and choice of timing all came from the least experienced Han Lang, Chu Li really couldn't make sense of it.

What was a battlefield? It was a place where blood and flesh flew everywhere and death was right around the corner the moment you drop your guard. For the majority of people, don't even mention thinking quickly on the battlefield, as long as they don't faint it's already good enough. To be able to come up with a strategy on the battlefield was a lot harder than people would think, and it is nearly impossible to do without years of training and battle experience.

Han was just an ordinary person before today, but he was able to command two espers that had more experience than him to fight such a beautiful assault/defense battle. Without any exaggeration, if it wasn't for Han, it would have been a terrible defeat for Earth.

Li Muyun continued, "It's a pity, Han had the best ability, an amazing mindset in battles, but he only accumulated 27 Power Source Index in 16 years. His potential is very poor, otherwise he would be a talent."

Chu Li nodded, and didn't speak further.

At that moment, Chu Li's secretary walked in into the office, taking big steps. He looked so furious, even his face almost turned green.

“Chief, the result is clear. The raiders’ real target was the Pu Fa Bank’s underground gold safe. They also have another group of 5 responsible for taking advantage of the chaos to rob the safe.”

Chu Li hesitated for a moment, “Gold safe? They aren’t from Earth, why would they need United Currency?”

Then, Chu Li suddenly realized something, his eyes suddenly became cold and he slammed the desk and said, “Now I get it, someone tried to partner with those raiders to rob the banks on Earth, then let their accomplices on Earth convert the UC to GC and carve up the loot on the spot!”

“Who are their accomplices on Earth?”

“Madman Yiwan, a rogue esper from the Russian District. We have notified the Russian district to arrest him.”

Chu Li said in a deep voice, “Gather the special task force immediately.”

“But, we don’t have jurisdiction to operate in the Russian district.”

“Fuck the jurisdiction!” Chu Li finally lost his calm, “Pass my order, gather the special task force immediately!”

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A few minutes after, on the roof of the Esper Administration Centre, four Falcon class vertical takeoff aircraft were prepared with 40 special task force espers assembled, also ready for battle.

Chu Li put on his battle suit, walked to the roof, and nodded to his assistant to give a signal. The big screen on the roof suddenly start to display the recording of the fight earlier today at the business district.

All the espers in the nearby area rushed to the site and put their lives on the line to stop the enemy, the scenes were enough to make everyone blood boiled.

The video ended, Chu Li cleared his throat, looked at all the soldiers and said, “Everyone must be really clear about what happened today, when enemies showed up, these espers stood up for us, they protected the civilians, and they protected our home. The majority of them were not soldiers. Some of them were businessmen, some were professors, some students, and one of them was even a groom. They stood out to protect the civilians, was it because of the 2000 \$UC bonus we give me every month? NO! Of course not, because lives are priceless. They were that courageous because they felt it was their responsibility as espers! And to avenge for those respected brothers, it’s our responsibility as soldiers! The results were clear! Madman Yiwan, a rogue esper from the Russian district directed this slaughter! Their ultimate goal was the underground bank safe, and the raiders were responsible for causing chaos and distracting us. All these people died just so they could rob the bank so Yi Wan could convert it to Galactic currency. I just don’t get it, we are all espers, and some are willing to give up their lives to protect our homeland! But some

have the gull to plan how to kill their own kind? What kind of fucked up reality is that?! The raiders from outer-space are hated, but the traitors of Earth deserve the worst death possible!”

Chu Li continued, “Avenge won’t be overnight! This night, we will go to the Russian district, and send Madman Yiwan and his accomplices all to hell! If the headquarter gives us any trouble, I will take all blame!”

None of the soldiers were not eager to fight, they rushed onto the planes and started flying to the Russian district at full speed.

Two minutes after the Shanghai district’s troops left, the main pilot on one of the Falcon fighters suddenly reported, “Chief, the Beijing Division heard our plan. They sent two Eagle-class fighters and two special task force groups after us.”

Chu Li was shocked for a second, then nodded and ordered, “Received, slow down a bit and unite with our comrade division’s reinforcements.”

The pilot reported again, “Should we wait for the Guangzhou division and Chengdu divisions? They are farther away than the Beijing division reinforcements. As well, Xian division’s troops are closer to Russia, they are currently in front of us.”

“The Russian District has received our notice. Not only did they not have a problem, they are also sending reinforcements from the Moscow division. The Paris division also dispatched 8 special task force groups, and including the heavy artillery units from London,

that's almost one-third of the total army from the area.”

“Chief, new update. The North American and South American division decided to each dispatch an entire army to cross the Atlantic to support us.”

The news came in one by one, after knowing the actions that the Shanghai division was taking, all Esper Administration divisions around the globe all sent out their reinforcement as if they all planned it together beforehand. Even the Americans and the Australians decided that even though they were an ocean apart, they still want to be present for the battle!

Taking advantage and still betraying the home planet, that's something everyone hates the most! Chu Li is not the only one that wants Yiwan dead. Tonight, all major divisions' forces will be gathering at the Russian district.

Chapter 17: Zero-Degree Brain Region

Healing Potion

“It only took 4 hours and 13 minutes?”

Han was staring at the clock, speechless. The two days after he got Void End, his ability to process complicated data became faster and faster, two nights ago he spent over 8 hours finishing up the index report, last night took 6 hours, but tonight, the time needed decreased to only a little bit over 4 hours.

And after the 4 hours of highly demanding work period that required intensive use of his brain, he didn't feel tired at all. In addition, Han also participated in a battle yesterday but now he only felt a little bit of pain in his chest. This speed of physical and mental recovery was too surprising. Han attempted to justify this improvement, but he couldn't find any other reason but the new power that he got.

According to the web, there exists some special powers that can increase the metabolism rate of espers, which can in turn increase the recovery rate of wounds. As well, the espers would become more energetic, and replenish energy faster and so on.

Han went downstairs and bought 4 meat buns and a large bowl of wonton soup.

Meat buns were his favorite, it's something his mother used to make for him when she was still alive. The delicious smelling braised pork were chopped into small pieces, mixed with a bit of

pepper, all put into freshly baked bun, one bite and the amazing taste will linger in your mouth.

Maybe it was also Void End's side effect, Han's energy significantly increased and his appetite also got really big. He quickly finished four meat buns and the large wonton soup with added egg and shrimp. He logged onto the dark net and started looking for medicine to cure Li Qi's 4th grandpa.

Han's first subscriber, Night Walker, ran a medicine store that was decent in size with a favorable pricing. Night Walker gave so much motivation to Han and had also once pinned his post to the top, so Han of course visited his store first.

Night Walker's medicine website had an artistic name, it was called the Light Breeze of Autumn Night (LBAN). The medicine were all showcased on the online shelves. Han had already looked at them multiple times since LBAN was one of the 200 stores he used to collect his data.

The screen flashed and a chat box showed up, Night Walker saw Han visiting his store and approached him first.

"I saw you visiting just moment ago, are you visiting again because there's something wrong with the index number?" Night Walker asked in curiosity.

Han answered, "Nope, today's index report has all been done, after a few hours it will be sent according to schedule. Now I'm just shopping around."

“Oh, welcome welcome! If you need anything feel free to ask me.”

“I have a friend whose grandpa has a case of atrophy in his zero-degree brain region. I want to buy some zero-degree energy revitalizer.”

Very soon, Night Walker sent a picture to Han. Han took a look and saw that there was an esper tied to a metal chair, his mouth was sealed by a metal ball, and there is a toilet right below his butt. A metal rod pierced the back of his skull and a drop of transparent fluid would come out from the rod every few minutes.

Han only knows that the revitalizers used the brain fluid from young espers as a base, but he never knew that the extraction method was that cruel.

The victims were tied to the chair so they couldn't even move an inch. To maintain the quality of brain fluid, he can't even eat anything, and nutrients were directly injected into their bloodstream to keep them alive to live a life that's worse than death.

“The Brain Fluid source is specimen 3219, a four star strength descent who is 21 years old. He has good physical properties but the zero-degree revitalizer doesn't work 100 percent of the time. For you, I'm going to use this sample to prepare one serving of revitalizer, with little side-effects, immediately effective and doesn't require any complementary medicine.” Night Walker was

really a professional, and gave Han the best solution.

Han said, “Yep, that would be the best. But isn’t he in a lot of pain?”

Night Walker answered as if he does not care at all, “You want to say cruel right? Don’t joke with me, this is the dark net, the shadiest place in the galaxy. I will be honest with you, this guy is a pedophile. He committed great sins with his power, and countless little girls and boys died in his hands. Allowing him to continue living would be the real cruelty. Now he’s just repaying for his sins, if one day the quality of his brain fluid decreases and I have no more use of him, I will sell his organs to body parts dealers. Slaughtered like an animal and have its organs sold, that will be his ultimate end.”

Night Walker continued, “After all you are in dark net, you have to get used to this lawless world. By the way, your drug index number is getting more and more famous, recently a lot of people started copying you to do index numbers for other industries, did you know?”

Han was still trying to digest the information fed by Night Walker, to a certain degree, Night Walker was the good guy. He saw Han was in need of help and he took the initiation to help without expecting any returns. But if you change the perspective, Night walker was also the typical dark net dweller, doing illegal activities and deeming lives to be simple resources. This might be the two-faced nature of humanity, light and dark exists deep down in everyone.

Han took a second and answered, “More people doing index isn’t a bad thing, after all the dark net doesn’t allow data search or extract tools. Everything relies on being done manually. Some people are willing to work for money, some are willing to buy the data they need to save time. In the business world, everyone takes what they need.”

Night Walker nodded, “You are pretty open about it, but they won’t be a threat to you no matter how hard they hard. After all you started really early and your data bank has far past theirs in both reputation and quality. They can only be your copy cats. Every day I look forward to your update. Before this, I had to visit so many other medicines websites every day to gather information myself. Now, I still do, but I don’t have to spend so much time on it anymore, saved me more time for the wife and daughter.”

Han laughed, “That’s the benefit of outsourcing, I help you bosses with some work to save your time, and you guys subscribe to my service and give me some money to buy food.”

Night Walker laughed too, “You really know how to talk, don’t worry, a small boss like me won’t mistreat you. The revitalizer I will prepare it myself, won’t delay anything. Aside from this what else do you need?”

“I also want some low side-effect training medicines, source energy amplifying medicines, and reflex-increasing potions.”

Night Walker hesitated, “What you asked for are all for soldiers, they have low side-effects. Could it be that you are using it yourself?”

Han said, “Yep it’s for me. Recently I realized, this world is actually really dangerous, so....”

Night Walker nodded, “You are right, this galaxy had always had the rule of the strong devours the weak. It’s fate that we met, I will try my best to help you. But you should understand, the medicine with the best effect also comes with higher risk, and the medicines alone won’t be enough to ensure survival. You also need to learn the best skills, use the best weapons. All of the elite warriors are forged by mountains of money.”

“I understand that logic. I am also looking to get the skills, weapons and whatever else I need to become powerful. But to be honest, I’m still not too familiar with the dark net, and I spent too much time on learning about medicine, so that’s the only field I have some understanding in. About skills, equipment, and training techniques, I know nothing...”

Night Walker had a mysterious smile, “If you want good equipment, coincidentally I just know the right guy. But about where he got his equipment from... you understand.”

Chapter 18: Origin Of The Ten Thousand Paths

Although Han and Night Walker never met and they had only just chatted online via the dark net, Han could still feel that Night Walker was full of passion just from their short chat. Han thought that this was probably the feeling one gets from a mentor, all the achievements Han earned on the dark net, Night Walker was a pivotal contributor.

Soon enough, Night Walker had sent Han a list. Along with tons of medicine, potions and pills, Night Walker also gave Han a free light medicine storage box suitable to carry during combat, a free medical theory textbook, and topped it off with free shipping. The bill only came to a total of 6700 GC.

Han was quite surprised, the Night Walker is a really interesting guy, not only did he pick out the most suitable products, he also gave him a storage box, a book on the basics of medicine, and free shipping.

Han had been doing the index number for this industry for a long time, so he knew really well that the price Night Walker charged him was about half of the market price, it was probably his production price!

Han anxiously refused, “It’s too cheap! I can’t take this deal.”

Night Walker laughed and replied, “Why not? The margin on medicine is pretty high so you don’t have to worry. Making a few

thousand more GC won't make a difference to my current financial situation, so just see it as a friend helping out another. Don't worry, I'm not making a loss at all."

Han reluctantly nodded, "I guess that's fine, I will definitely remember your help!"

Night Walker also gave Han a dark net link, "Check this site carefully, it probably has what you need. The owner is a strange fellow, if you approach him yourself you will probably be ignored. But don't worry, I've added you to my list of important clients, he should answer you after he sees that."

He continued, "The Dark net is very complicated, the majority of the websites need to be introduced between close networks. What you see on the forums are all the smallest of the smallest, the more powerful the website and organization, the deeper they hide on the dark net."

Han gave his address to Night Walker and thanked him again. Then he turned around and rushed right to the website suggested by Night Walker.

The website was called the Origin of Ten Thousand Paths (OTTP), the owner was called Pathless Origin. It sounded like he was bragging unblushingly that he was the number one in the study of martial arts paths in the entire Milky Way galaxy.

A lot of information on super powers and martial arts could be found on OTTP, and Pathless Origin's business was just selling

different types of instructional devices for martial art styles and equipment.

In the current society, martial arts were sold not as a book but instead as a storage crystal. It uses the data-brain injection method to directly transfer the information into the brain, which makes it impossible to create pirate versions. Each crystal was unique and becomes obsolete after first use.

The martial art crystals and equipment sold by Pathless Origin all had unknown origins. The battle equipment were layered with dust, and a lot of the weapons were covered in dried dark red blood stains.

Han took a look around. The things Pathless Origin sold were all the real deal, and the price was pretty cheap too. A fiber equipment set suitable for two star espers only costed 3000 GC. Han checked out the other stores before and saw that the same set of equipment would have costed at least ten thousand GC.

The weapons were fairly priced too, an enhanced tritanium dagger only cost 1000 GC.

Han's account still had a balance of 11300 GC, subtracting the 6700 GC from buying the medicines, he still had 4500 GC left over which was just enough to buy a set of equipment and a weapon from Pathless Origin.

But Han wasn't in a hurry to decide. There were tons of free information here that Han was interested in.

Han started looking carefully through the pile of data, but there was nothing on Void End so he could only look at power immunity which was quite similar to Void End.

Power Immunity was actually a lot weaker than Void End because it could only nullify the enemy's super power attacks. The higher the level, the stronger the immunity. But Void End could completely deprive others of their power and once the user progresses in level he can also create a void zone in which everyone will be powerless regardless of their level.

Pathless Origin arrogantly calls the things he wrote as "The ultimate review", radiating the confidence of being a martial art master.

This was what he wrote on the power immunity file, "Stupid people! They all think power immunity espers should use guerilla warfare technique, long ranged attacks, and be agile and flexible. Wrong! Very wrong! Little do they know, power immunity is the cruelest ability in existence, the chosen ones with such ability must practice martial arts!"

"Martial Art users are practicing techniques with their lives on the line! Fight to kill! Hit every punch! Trade eye for eye! Only surrender in death!"

"Without such a mindset, it is impossible to become elites."

After finishing reading the review, Han was astonished. Fight to

kill, hit every punch, trade eye for eye and only surrender in death?! This simple 16 (Chinese) word review captured the essence of the immunity power. Take Han for example. Although he could nullify other people's powers, what happens after? Even though you don't have any powers, I won't have any powers too. The only course of action left was just stabbing at each other with knives or something.

At that moment, the result will be determined by who was better at martial arts, who was more merciless and not afraid of death!

So the espers with an immunity type ability could only undergo the cruelest training method, practice superior martial arts, and rely on the strategy of first taking away the enemy's power, and then killing them in close combat.

Han took a look at the owner's review on other powers, and all reviews started with the same sentence, "Stupid People!". It sounded like as if no one else was competent enough to do reviews and only he spoke the truth.

Regardless of how arrogant Pathless Origin was, it didn't affect Han's opinion of him. All his reviews were on point, which showed Han a clear path to follow for the future.

After looking at the reviews Pathless Origin wrote on other powers, Han began to pick the equipment and weapons he needed.

Chapter 19: Pathless Origin

A battle suit was a must-have for espers in this era, a good set could not only ensure the safety of soldiers, but also increase their immunity to powers. To Han, protection against super powers wasn't as important because he was already immune to all powers. Instead, Han plans to find himself a fairly priced suit with great protection against physical attacks.

Soon, Han found a black leather battle suit, which looked like a big dark pile, carelessly tossed to the side by Pathless Origin. If it wasn't because this so-called "Black Celestial Python" set had a 2.5 star ranking, probably no one would want to spend 3000GC for something like this that looked like a pile of junk.

Pathless Origin was a very strange guy. Normal sellers would have divided all 2 star equipment into high, medium or low quality and priced them differently accordingly. For Pathless Origin, all 2 star equipment were priced at 3000 GC each, and all 3 star ones were 10,000 GC each. He didn't include any labels, and the most he gave was the name of the equipment.

Han liked the Black Celestial Python set for two reasons: among all the 2 star equipment, it was the only one labeled 2.5 stars. Why wouldn't someone want to spend the same amount of money to buy something that was higher level? It was just that Han didn't get the meaning behind that extra half star.

After thinking for a while, Han used the dark net chat service and called the owner Pathless Origin. It took a long time for the chat to be answered, and just when Han was about to greet him, Pathless

Origin already started yelling, “If you have something to say, say it fast. If you need to fart, hurry and fart, can’t you see I’m busy?!”

Han was shocked for a bit, as the old saying goes, being nice when doing business can really help your business, but this Pathless Origin boss seems to have quite an attitude.

Han wasn’t angry at all, he had only been on the dark net for a short time so he was still a complete novice. Besides, there isn’t any downsides for him to be humble. In addition, Pathless Origin was recommended by Night Walker, and Han believes that Night Walker wouldn’t lie to him.

“Teacher, I have a question to ask, why is this set of Black Celestial Python marked as 2.5 stars? Why is there still half a level?”

Teacher was a common title in Asia, it didn’t have any special meaning other than to show respect to someone. Han saw that Pathless Origin had a bad temper, so he quickly lowered his head.

“Stupid, you don’t even know this? This suit is made from the skin of the black celestial python, and it has a huge weakness. Although its physical defense is ranked to be 3 stars, its defense against super power is complete garbage. Other people sell it as 3 star, I don’t think it deserves such ranking so I lowered it to 2.5 stars.” Pathless Origin answered.

Han was surprised, ranked 3 stars for physical damage and can’t defend against super powers, wasn’t this designed for him?! He

was immune to powers anyways.

“Teacher, I have another question.” Han continued politely.

“Why are you so annoying? If it wasn’t because Night Walker specifically told me to treat you well, I wouldn’t even be replying you. Hurry, hurry!” Pathless Origin’s attitude was still the worst it can be.

Han asked, “Aside from the Black Celestial Python set, I also would like buy the heavy dagger named Tremor. I want to ask about the actual weight of Tremor.”

“How would I know if I never weighted it before? Tremor is just used for close range combat. For close range combat, if the weapon is too light it has no power. The pros all use weapons that are slightly heavier, if you can’t use it then you are too weak, it has nothing to do with the weapon.” Pathless Origin explained.

Han noticed, although Pathless Origin had a bad attitude, all his explanations were all on point. He explained complex problems using just a few sentences. Han was yelling out of excitement on the inside, this guy’s actually a pro!

He already got scolded for a while, might as well ask one more question, “Teacher, your review on power immunity was right on point. I was wondering, are there any other secrets to mastering martial arts?”

“Hey are you going to be done anytime soon? To practice martial arts, of course you have to train in the extreme cold and train to your death! Only the iciness can trigger a human’s strongest power, the natural survival instinct. In this world, tropical temperatures represent life while cold represents death. The strongest moment in someone’s life is the moment he about to die. That’s when it’s most possible to conjure surprising amounts of energy. That’s the power of will to living. To practice martial arts, you have to go practice in an extremely cold environment and look for that near-death feeling.”

Han realized that Pathless Origin was only cruel on the outside, but as long as he asks in a humble voice, Pathless Origin will still explain to you. Although the explanation isn’t very detailed, it was very memorable.

Han still wanted to ask some question about training, but he feared that if he pissed off the oddly tempered Pathless Origin, then it won’t be worth it in the long run. So, he politely said bye to Pathless Origin and checked out the items he bought.

Pathless Origin’s items were all cheaper than others, but the shipping was expensive: shipping to Earth costs 500 GC. After checking out, Han checked his wallet, he only had 11 GC left.

That’s alright, the drug index can generate for him a steady income of 400-500 GC every day, and he just had to make more money.

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Soon, it was 5 days after.

In the 5 days, Han took out at least 8 hours every day doing physical exercises and some basic training. Now he lowered the time needed to write the index report to 1.5 hour, plus another 1.5 hour to polish up the data and the report. In total, he spends 3 hours every day, and he actually accomplishes more within these 3 hours than when he used to work 20 hours every day.

Han couldn't thank his super power enough. After he had Void End, it's like he changed into a new person, even his brain worked better than before now.

Aside from training and writing drug index reports, Han also checked out Pathless Origin's website on a daily basis and asked that oddly tempered old man whenever he was stuck on a difficult concept.

Of course Pathless Origin didn't want Han to bother him, but there was a good old saying: no one hits a smiling face. Han's attitude was way too nice, calling him teacher every sentence. Also, Han would never annoy him, he only asked at most 3 questions every day and it never took longer than 5 minutes.

Although Pathless Origin was still as bad tempered as before, he never refused to answer Han's questions. There was even one day when Han didn't even open his mouth before Pathless Origin started the conversation with, "What do you want to ask again today?"

This was a good start, along with Han's improving ability to study and Pathless Origin's mentorship on the side, his knowledge on power, martial arts, strategy, training, started growing at an incredible speed.

Han did start very late, but his speed of improvement was unmatched.

At dawn, Han came back home from a morning run. He took a shower, got changed and left the house. The night before, Night Walker's package finally arrived. Han delivered the package to 4th Grandpa right away at night, and he was told that the effect was promising. Li Qi had told Han to meet with him at the hospital in the afternoon. Now, Han's going to go to the Esper Administration to continue the pressure exam.

Chapter 20: Potential That's Against The Rules Of Heaven!

Han took the subway and arrived at the 18th floor of the Esper Administration center again and saw Li Muyun. The Monk was there too, but Cheng Zhong wasn't.

Han and the Monk casually chatted for a bit and then went into the assessment pod.

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Light flashed past and Han was teleported to the second round of the Galactic Pressure Exam. According to his knowledge, there were 3 rounds for this pressure exam, the first one was advancing under the deep sea again, the second one was escaping the desert, and the third one was climbing a snow mountain. These three were ranked by difficulty from easiest to hardest. The first one was naturally the easiest, with a max score of 100. The second one was harder, with a max score of 300. The third one was the hardest, max score was 500. Plus another 100 points for bonus, the max score in total was 1000. After the three pressure exams was a battle test, the max score was 3000.

After these two sets of exams were done, the top 10,000 contestants would be chosen to join the Galactic Meet's main contest.

The oldest allowed signup age was 27 years old, since the Galactic Meet was a competition between the younger generations. With a

countless number of planets in the Galaxy, the total population was at least on the scale of millions of trillions, so the top 10,000 contestants were for sure the elites among the young ones in the galaxy.

Han saw the Monk in the public square. They were both doing the second test so they took the adjacent teleporters but got teleported to different arenas again.

Han shrugged his shoulders, he had power immunity so if he could be in the same arena as Monk for this exam then he can at least somewhat help Monk. Looks like the system automatically separates contestants of the same country or planet to avoid cheating.

Han took a look around himself, only to see that he was standing in the middle of a desert tornado. The tornado had blown the sand into a swirling pattern so no matter which direction he took he would have to cross the tornado.

The wind had an extremely powerful destructive force. Even before entering the storm, some soldiers that were a little weaker were already struggling to stay standing. Han saw many people reluctantly walk into the storm, only to be torn into pieces by the sharp wind. Of course, the difficulty of this round was a lot higher than the first one.

According to the rules, the further you walk in the storm, the more points you will get. And if you successful walk out from the tornado then you receive the maximum score of 300. In addition, there's also 50 bonus marks for this round. Apparently there's a

sacred temple inside the storm, and if one can retrieve the stone of light from the temple then he/she will receive the bonus points.

Of course, most people wouldn't bother with some temple because they would already consider themselves incredibly lucky if they can even make it out. Ain't nobody got time for that shit.

Han scouted around, and picked the path with the least amount of people and started advancing. The majority of the contestants were gathered on the right hand side of Han, it was like the sheep crowd effect where basically everyone would follow the crowd. Doing so allows the people that are scared of challenges and adventure to feel safer while walking behind others.

But Han didn't worry since he could nullify any power and this sand storm was simulated with the attacks of a sand descent esper and a wind descent esper, which has no effect on Han. He just had to make sure he doesn't get lost.

Before walking into the storm, Han could already feel grains of sand hitting his face which was actually quite painful. Power immunity didn't mean it was also immune from pain, so Han could still feel the sand hitting his face.

But that didn't slow down Han's steps at all. After experiencing the battle 7 days ago, Han started to realize the responsibility on his shoulders. Regardless of how weak Earth was, it was still his home and the place he grew up in. Who would want to see their home ending up in the hands of others and see his fellow citizens whipped out of their existence.

Reminiscing the scene where the espers from Earth were putting their lives on the line to protect the powerless people, Han could never stay calm. Although he couldn't name any one of them, he felt that they were all heroes and a bunch of fellows that deserved respect.

In comparison to the past, Han had one more belief, he's still not strong enough right now and he needs to work to become stronger non-stop! He had to give it his all to protect those existences that were worth protecting.

Han squinted his eyes and started walking faster and faster in the mad sand. Regardless of how hard the sharp sand grains hit his face and how many more bloody cuts appeared, his footsteps did not slow down at all. To others it may seem like a disaster, but to Han it was training that he must endure.

The further he walked, the harder the sand storm hit. The furious wind could easily blow people off their feet.

Suddenly, a black shadow loomed on the horizon, and when Han got closer he saw a sacred temple built with giant white stones.

How lucky! If it wasn't because he chose the path that the majority didn't, he could've never have come across this lonely temple.

"A bonus 50 points is pretty good." Han smiled and said to himself.

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Esper Administration 18th floor.

After what happened last time, Li Muyun started paying extra attention to Han. The moment he entered the exam Li Muyun started playing Han's exam broadcast on the large screen.

Void end was still as powerful as before. When everyone else were getting blown to the point of losing their sense of direction, Han's footsteps were still firm and determined. As Han walked further and further in distance, his points became higher as well. According to the system, Han's score had past 200 already, surpassing the majority of people.

Monk, who took the exam at around the same time as Han, had already been eliminated from the test.

"Void End is really a power against all heaven's rules." Li Muyun exclaimed.

The Monk shook his bald head, "I don't think it's all because of his power. You see, his steps are very determined, on the unstable sand against that raging wind, yet his legs aren't shaking at all. It seems like his power source index has improved from the first time I've seen it seven days ago."

"That can't be right..." Li Muyun hesitated and said, "Han used

16 years to accumulate 26 power source index, which means that it grows on average 1.68 every year, his potential is probably the worst I've seen. According to my past experience, this speed of growth can't be improved no matter how hard he trains. Now it has only been a few days and his index increased?"

The Monk shrugged his shoulder, "I'm not too sure, I just feel that Han's steps are a lot stable than a week ago."

Li Muyun thought for a second, opened Han's assessment statistics out of curiosity, and he almost jumped up when he saw Han's updated index.

The assessment chat showed no changes for other data, but Han's power source index actually increased by 15, so now Han's at 42!

Li Muyun was completely astonished by what he saw, and he began to realize that he and Chu Li might've completely misjudged Han's potential.

Normally, power source index has a natural growth rate, and that means even if an esper doesn't do any training at all, their index will still naturally increase by a certain amount.

Natural growth rate of power source index is like someone's foundation, and combined with intense training, it can be amplified by as much as 4 and 5 times more. That means, an esper with a natural growth rate of 10 every year, if trained properly, can increase his/her power source index by 50, more or less.

And back to Han's case, natural growth rate of 1.68 was not just bad, it was the worst of the worst. That was why even though Li Muyun and Chu Li knew how powerful Han's power was, they didn't make any arrangement for him.

But now, Han's natural growth rate had reached 15 points every week, which meant that it could've been a 60 point increase if he had the proper training! Every year had 52 weeks, that's a growth rate of around 3120 points in one year!

According to this calculation, Han would be an average division three star esper in one year, capable of creating a void domain of 10 meters in radius! And in that domain, he would be a godly existence! Everyone else's power would all be forcefully taken away! It would be complete darkness and the ultimate end for the enemies!

And what about two years after?

Five years?

Ten years?

Li Muyun blew out a heavy ring of smoke, he finally realized that Han's not some ordinary guy with the right power but no potential. Instead, he was a monster with the power and the potential that went against all heavenly principles!

Chapter 21: Perfect Score!

Li Muyun picked up the phone and dialed Chief Chu Li's number. Unfortunately the chief's cellphone was off. Li Muyun then anxiously dialed the number of the Chief's assistant Dong Yuewu.

"Yuewu, how come Chief's phone is off? Where did you guys go?" Li Muyun asked hastily.

"We are at the New York headquarters attending a short meeting. We won't be back until dusk." Dong Yuewu explained, "Director Li, do you have any important news you want me to pass on to Chief?"

Li Muyun thought for a bit, "We have good news for him, but since you guys are coming back at night, I will just wait at the office. Give me a call when you guys are back."

"I've noted it down, don't worry."

After hanging up, Li Muyun let out a long breath. Misjudging Han Lang's potential was a big mistake, but luckily it wasn't too late. After Chu Li gets back and hears Li Muyun's report, he would for sure provide Han the best arrangement.

Top treatment was for sure, and a personal training director was also essential. In conclusion, all available resources must be used to train Han. After all, with Han's SSS ranked power and stunning potential, his future was unmeasurable.

Li Muyun was still thinking, and Monk who had been paying close attention to the broadcast jumped up in happiness, “Look! Han past the second round of the pressure exam! They even lit fireworks in the sky!”

Fireworks?!

Li Muyun was stunned for a sec and turned right to the screen, only to see that Han had already walked out of the sand storm. Although the raging wind had ripped Han’s cloth apart, the sharp grains of sand had left marks on Han’s face, but Han’s steps were still as firm as always. Walking with his head up proud, his face carried the pride of a victor.

“Congratulations to contestant Han Lang from Earth for passing the second test with a perfect score!”

Li Muyun was shocked, he looked at Han’s score board which suddenly had increased by 350 points! A perfect score!

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The light flashed past Han’s eye and he was teleported to the public square where he had started, his clothes were back to normal and the wounds on his face had recovered. After all it was just a virtual test, all you needed was for the system to rewrite

some data and everything could go back to normal.

On the public score, two soldier-like young girls were chatting. One of them, a red-haired girl asked in curiosity, “Where’s the United Government of Earth? Apparently a monster from there past the second round with a perfect score and I’ve never even heard of that place.”

The other black-haired girl answered, “Hehe, you don’t know this but the United Government of Earth is indeed a small place, but they are famous for producing monsters! Last Galactic Meet, Earth sent an esper named Ke Lake, a 5 star esper, and without any reinforcement he broke through A7!”

The red-haired girl thought for a sec, “Ke Lake? I do have a blurry memory about him, but 10 years ago I was too young so I probably forgot.”

The chat between the two girls was heard by Han. So senior Ke Lake was also a pretty face haha, but what’s A7?

Whenever someone passes a test with a perfect score, the system would broadcast the news in public in order to encourage more contestants to be like them. Everyone in the public square now all knew about Han. Many people were talking about him, after all only a few can pass the second test with a perfect score.

But, Han did not feel proud at all because he knew very clearly that he was able to make it only because of his power, which provided immunity to all other powers.

Following the third round of pressure exam would be the battle segment. That was when Han might actually screw up because he had never learned any fighting techniques.

Now thinking about that, time was tight. Han decided not to wait till one week after and he went ahead and started the 3rd test. That way, he can clear up his schedule and focus on going to the extreme frost domain to shut himself away to train.

Han made up his mind and went straight towards the third test's teleporter. The third test was called the Climb of Frost Mountain, and a snow mountain of over 1000 meters high appeared in front of Han. It looked just like an icy pyramid, with multiple paths leading to the top. At the top of the mountain sat a sacred temple, shining with golden light and emitting a mysterious feeling.

Han didn't hesitate and he started walking right away. The path to the top had blue stones built as steps. It didn't look difficult, and the mountain was only a few thousand meters high. But, only the ones really climbing it understood the horror within.

The mountain wind was howling, the gusts hitting Han's body were icy like blades. Suddenly there was a snow storm and immediately after, it changed to hail. There were sometimes even rain. The rain water made the steps a lot more slippery, and there were no handles on the side of the steps, so people could easily slip and fall into the deep abyss that surrounded the mountain.

Out of the three assessments in pressure exam, only this one had

a redo option. Every contestant can take this test three times, and the best score will be calculated. It really goes to show something about how difficult this test was.

“OH SHIT MAN!”

Gabong~ (sound of people falling)

“FUCK!”

Gabong~

“DON’T PUSH!”

Gabong~

If you look at it from the spectator’s perspective, snow mountain climbing is actually pretty interesting, the majority of the people chose to help each other out to climb.

Although climbing in groups may seem like a good idea, but it has several deadly weaknesses. Sometimes, the moment one guy in the group trips and falls, the whole team will be dragged into the abyss.

Of course Han wouldn’t choose to cooperate with others. He found the path with the least people and chose to climb by himself. As he walked, he looked at his two sides and saw that sometimes

people fell down head first, other times people fell with their butts first, and sometimes a bunch of people hugged each other tightly and screamed as they fell down.

The people that chose the lonely paths were mostly elites of at least 4 stars and Han, the beginner esper, was considered to be out of place to be taking this path. However, his speed was not slow at all, moving up at a constant pace one step at a time.

Every time Han came close to another climber, they would all voluntarily stop and make way for Han. When the screen beside Han showed that he was only a beginner with a Power Source Index score of 42, everyone was very surprised. Seeing him climbing was like watching a demon, but no one asked any questions. The unbearable pain from climbing made everyone unwilling to waste any energy on things like talking.

The snowstorm hit and Han slowed down his footsteps. The hail storm struck, Han put out his arms above his head and kept advancing.

Because of the fact that Han was immune to powers, climbing this mountain was like an ordinary climb, it was purely for exercising his body.

To any normal guy, climbing a mountain of a thousand meters was not too big of a problem, not to mention that Han was an esper. Although his Power Source Index was a bit lower but he was still stronger than normal guys.

After 3 hours, Han was already in the final stage. The road signs showed that Han was only 50 meters away from the top. Near the sign was the final resting platform before the top, and all contestants were welcome to take a break there without having to worry about falling down into the abyss.

Han took a look around, other than himself, there was only one more person. It was a girl, small in size with a cute face and shiny golden hair. Wasn't that the Ye Weiwei he saved a while back?!

Ye Weiwei was still wearing the black leather clothes with only her small hands and face exposed. She was squatting on the ground and breathing heavily, her pretty face was also as white as the snow.

Ye Weiwei rose her head and saw Han and was stunned immediately.

In her mind, Han was just a shameless guy with some perverted or evil intentions and at this moment, that pervert was actually smiling and waving at her!

In order to come this far, Ye Weiwei had used up most of her energy and she felt that she was about to break down. She couldn't even feel her legs.

And looking at Han, whose face and breath was still normal, who still has the energy to wave and greet Ye Weiwei, she felt it was extremely unfair.

“What a coincidence!” Han laughed and said,

If Ye Weiwei still had energy, she would have cursed at Han for sure. But now she didn’t even have the energy to be mad at anyone. And this Han guy with no awareness was actually waving at her and walking closer to her.

As soon as Ye Weiwei thought about the last time Han grabbed her hand, she started to get angry.

The thunderstorm girl Ye Weiwei’s hands was something that people can touch casually? From a baby to now, not even her parents have touched her hands before, but now this male stranger did? WHATTTT?

Ye Weiwei had a stubborn personality, and now seeing Han, her personality got triggered again.

She grit her teeth, gave Han the evil eye, turned around and started sprinting towards the top.

“Only 50 more meters! If I can just hold on for a little longer, I can make it! I can’t lose to this shameless pervert!” Ye Weiwei was encouraging herself.

As for Han, of course he didn’t know what was going on. It was fine that Ye Weiwei didn’t thank him, but instead she ran?

Shrugging his shoulders, Han followed Ye Weiwei and started

advancing towards the top.

Han was still maintaining a constant pace to climb, but Ye Weiwei was using as much energy as she could, which violated the most basic rule in climbing mountains.

When climbing, the worst thing you could do was rush. With a long road up to the top, how can the path be finished by rushing? One must be patient and take it one step at a time.

Of course, Ye Weiwei just climbed a few steps and began to feel dizzy. She felt as if her energy was being sucked away from her body and her legs were shaking.

But she was honestly really stubborn. Even though she was almost completely out of energy, she was still clenching her teeth and not giving up. For a 14 years old girl, this personality was very rare and impressive.

But Han had power immunity, you really couldn't compare the amount of pressure Han faced in comparison to Ye Weiwei. Snow, hail, chilly wind, those were all nothing to Han but were all fatal threats to Ye Weiwei.

Suddenly~

A piece of hail struck Ye Weiwei's head, and it acted as the final straw that broke the camel's back. She couldn't hold on anymore, her body tilted, and started falling to the right side into the abyss.

Chapter 22: Goodbye, Ye Weiwei

Pa~

When Ye Weiwei's body started tilting to the side, Han was already right behind her. He again reached out to her without thinking.

Honestly, it didn't really matter how pretty she was, the majority of people would help when they see someone falling in front of them. It was a type of natural reflex.

Han pulled Ye Weiwei back from the edge of the cliff but didn't let go of her little hands. Instead, he continued dragging her while walking towards the top of the mountain.

"Mountain climbing isn't supposed to be done like this. There's a good saying, your desperation for speed may actually slow you down."

"Pay attention to below, step at where I stepped."

"Don't move randomly, otherwise both of us will fall into the abyss and then we are both screwed."

Han was like a nice older brother holding Ye Weiwei's hand, and Ye Weiwei started having a very strange feeling. She was already extremely exhausted, her brain felt as though it short-circuited and lost the ability to think. She just let Han lead her by hand.

After all, Ye Weiwei was still a girl, and age 14 was the beginning of adolescence. Due to her unique power, Ye Weiwei was never touched by anyone before, and if it wasn't because of Han, she might never have been touched in her entire life time.

Do you still remember the first time holding hands with an opposite sex? That heart-racing and blushing feeling, that's how Ye Weiwei was feeling right now. Her face had mysteriously turned red, her heart started beating faster, her palm started to become a little sweaty. To Ye Weiwei, it's a feeling she never experienced before.

The mountain path was tough, although Han had Void End, they were still walking very slowly. Ye Weiwei didn't know what to do, and she felt like she was led by a mysterious feeling.

Because of Han's power immunity ability, Ye Weiwei's whole body felt cold but her hand that was held by Han felt really warm. Ye Weiwei start feeling the urge to lean her entire body onto Han because to her, Han was like a warm furnace. What she needed the most right now was this kind of warmth.

It felt kind of strange, but Han's hand was really warm. Ye Weiwei realized that she doesn't want to let go.

Shua~

Finally, Han and Ye Weiwei had past the last step and arrived at the top of the mountain. The system automatically restored both

of their stamina, Ye Weiwei felt a sudden relief and sat right down beside Han who was also breathing heavily.

“Umm, now we should be fine, can you let go of my hand?” Han said with a faint smile.

Ye Weiwei just realized that she was still holding onto Han’s hand very tightly, as if she was scared that Han would leave her.

“Heng~”

Ye Weiwei’s stubbornness started to surface again, quickly taking back her snow white hand. The two sat side by side on the ground, facing a thousand miles of snow. It was such a beautiful scenery.

Ye Weiwei started to take a closer look at Han out of curiosity: a little older, not ugly but not handsome. His body wasn’t really buff but not skinny either. Then again, he was pretty handsome when he smiled.

This guy was like a monster, being able to touch her hand and still be fine?

Thinking about that, Ye Weiwei started looking at her little hands: her fingers were white and slim, very perfect. Maybe because of the fact that she always wore gloves, Ye Weiwei’s hands were maintained a lot better than other girls. However, they were weak as if they were boneless, and Han knew about it since he had held it before.

“It’s going to be a difficult battle test later.” Ye Weiwei said suddenly.

Right after she finished, she felt like giving herself two slaps... Why would she tell this shameless pervert about this? Did her head short-circuit or something?

Han nodded slightly, but said as if thinking of something else, “Ya, but after this we probably won’t meet again.”

Ye Weiwei really wanted to ask why, but she stopped herself at the last moment. It would be like as if she cared. She had too much pride to ask.

“After all, Earth is too weak, but it’s still my family...” Han patted himself on the butt to get rid of the snow, took one more look at this beautiful girl in blonde hair, but Ye Weiwei nervously turned her little face away.

“It was nice meeting you, I have to leave now.” Han said, and walked into the sacred temple with big steps. The third test’s bonus mark was automatically given, as long as one completes the walk. After all, this test was way too difficult for the majority of the people.

The sky was lighting up once again with fireworks which then transformed into words, congratulating Han on passing with a perfect score once again. This really brought out the admiration and jealousy of the crowd of espers that were still struggling on the

mountain.

But, Han didn't really care about the attention, he went straight back home.

When he returned to Earth, Li Muyun wasn't there. Monk and some other espers that tried the test all congratulated Han. Han took a look at the time since he already arranged with Li Qi to go to the hospital with him to see how 4th grandpa was doing after taking the zero-degree healing potion and revitalizers. It was already almost time.

So he quickly said goodbye to everyone and left the Esper Administration hastily.

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On the other side of the Milky Way, Ye Weiwei's house.

Han and Ye Weiwei originally came from two different worlds, Han lived in a small home on Earth and didn't own an assessment or simulation pod. Instead, he had to go to the Esper Administration to use the public one.

But Ye Weiwei lived in a mansion that could be compared to a king's palace, and she owned not just one simulation pod but also specific rooms to store different sized and purposed simulation pods.

Now, Ye Weiwei had returned from the pressure exam but she didn't leave the room and instead walked to the window and opened it.

She stared at the flat green grass field and the borderless forest outside her house. The tall mountains and waterfalls in the distance, even the birds flying in the sky, they were all personal possessions of the Ye family.

Ye Weiwei leaned at the window and looked outside, in her gloves.

In her not very long lifetime of experience, she never experienced anything as exciting as today. Born in wealth, what she wanted was not beautiful clothes nor delicious cuisine, but freedom.

She could easily own everything in this world, but freedom. The freedom to wear short dresses like the other girls, the freedom to pick up a little rabbit and have a few kitties in the house, these were all what Ye Weiwei could never have.

Although the Ye Family's mansion was gigantic, there wasn't a single pet. When Weiwei was very small, her father had once given her a puppy as a pet. It was a beautiful white galactic hound with big, round, watery eyes and a small tail that was wagging nonstop.

But when the cute puppy jumped into Weiwei's arms for a hug, a tragedy happened. The thunderstorm girl's fearful power had easily killed the puppy. Weiwei looked at the little puppy laying lifeless in her arms and was sad for a long time. It was also from

that day forward, she began to realize she was going to be alone for the rest of her life.

Until today, Weiwei met a guy, a very special person. Han wasn't like those charming princes on white horses but Han was also not scared of her at all, unlike the other guys that would hide somewhere in fear whenever they see her, with their eyes filled with despise.

Thinking about that, Weiwei couldn't help but lower her head to look at her little hands. A pair of white and beautiful hands, but they were no longer innocent. They have been held by a boy.

Ye Hua, the old faithful senior servant hid behind the door outside, trying to peek to see what was going on.

“What are you doing sir?” The giant guard captain Ye Xiangdong asked curiously.

Ye Hua smiled, “Looking at My Lady. Today someone touched My Lady's hand.”

Ye Xiangdong became furious immediately, his face turned completely dark, “WHO IS IT?! WHICH BLOODY BASTARD?! LET ME GO KILL HIM!”

Ye Hua frowned, “You shut up! Do you not get our family's situation? If another family's ladyship get touched by outsiders then it's a crime, but someone being able to touch our young lady

is a gift from heaven! Stupid, can you use your brain?”

Ye Xiangdong thought for a bit and finally realized it. Immediately, this grown man broke down crying.

“Isn’t he scared of My Lady’s thunderstorm?” He asked in surprise.

“Apparently not.” Old servant Ye Hua answered, “This young man may have a unique power that can control My Lady’s fearful thunderstorm. He took My Lady by her hand and took her past third assessment’s final checkpoint.

Ye Xiangdong’s face was now covered in tears. He couldn’t help himself and cried, “Heaven has finally opened its eyes! Someone can actually control My Lady’s thunderstorm, our Ye Family is saved! Which family does this prince belong? How does his family background look? Where does he live? If he says no, I can bring a team and capture him and bring him over!”

“Capture my ass!” Ye Hua’s face turned angry, “This might be our Ye Family’s only opportunity, so you stay quiet! If you ruin My Lady’s opportunity, watch how I deal will deal with you!”

Chapter 23: Li Yu

Earth.

Han thought it was completely normal to hold hands with Ye Weiwei. It was just holding hands, completely normal. Also, Han was doing it to help her, having no other perverted thoughts.

Han took the subway and arrived at the subsidiary hospital of the Esper Administration. This place was specifically open for espers, and it was also one of the privileges espers had on Earth.

This subsidiary hospital took up a large piece of land. There were two giant gardens at the front and back of the hospital, provided for the recovering espers to take walks and exercise. All the equipment here were also the most advanced equipment in the world.

Han gave Li Qi a call and the two met at the front of the hospital.

The moment Li Qi saw Han he started yelling excitedly, “Han! Your zero-degree region healing medicines are godly! 4th Grandpa had it last night and he could already walk today morning! The doctors did a checkup on him and they couldn’t even believe it, they said that 4th Grandpa’s zero-degree region is recovering at an incredible speed. Not only is it fully healed now, it’s even possible that 4th Grandpa can go back to his pinnacle condition in his life!

Han smiled, “As long as it’s effective. Let’s go and check with your 4th Grandpa.”

Li Qi said in a hurry, “Right, right, right, 4th Grandpa knew that you were coming and he is already waiting for you at the Garden, he said he needs to thank you in person!”

Han Lang was shocked, “There’s no need to thank me... It’s something we should do for our seniors.”

Walking into the hospital’s garden in the back, there was an elder sitting in an arbour by the lake looking at the lotus flowers, with his back facing Han. Beside the elder was a muscular man in his 30s, currently making tea for the elder.

“4th Grandpa, Han Lang’s here!” Li Qi ran to the side of the elder and said.

The elder turned around, and their eyes met. Li Qi’s 4th Grandpa had a pair of eyes like an eagle. Although he was pretty old now, his eyes were still sharp, radiating an impressive force that only an elite esper soldier could.

“Turns out that the benefactor is here, hurry and come sit. Xiao Wu, hurry and make some tea for the benefactor.” 4th Grandpa said with a smile.

Han tried to kindly decline but was forced down to the seat by the guy named Xiao Wu, who said, “Your zero-degree region healing medicine saved Teacher’s career as a fighter. That’s a huge kindness, let’s discard the formal manners.”

Han could only obey and let Xiao Wu pour him a cup of tea. He sat right beside Li Qi's 4th grandpa, with Xiao Wu and Li Qi both standing on the side.

"4th Grandpa, I heard from Li Qi that you are recovering nicely?" Han delightfully asked.

Li Qi's grandpa smiled and said, "I can feel that my zero degree region is healing, and the doctor said I can possibly return to my pinnacle condition. But I don't have too much demands, I'm happy enough that the medicine can save my life."

Han answered, "What are you talking about, seeing how energetic you are, it's no problem to live another couple hundred years."

Everyone started laughing. Li Qi's 4th Grandpa said, "A couple more hundred years? Wouldn't that make me monster by then?"

Han answered in a serious manner, "I heard that the higher the level of an esper, the longer they can live. This time 4th Grandpa's zero-degree brain region can fully heal, it might be even possible to go up in level! So a couple hundred years is still a conservative figure."

4th Grandpa looked at Han and said, "You little guy really know what to say. Let me ask you, this zero-degree healing medicine is so magical, where did you get it? It must have cost a lot of money right? "

Li Qi started nervously giving Han the eye signal, his 4th Grandpa is a man of honor, if he hears that the healing medicines were made from cruelly extracting brain fluids from young espers, he might be unhappy.

Han got the signal and said, “I got it from a friend. Specifically how he got it, I don’t really understand as well. As for the money, it’s not a problem. It’s just me paying my respect for you. Oh right, 4th Grandpa, you look very familiar, but I don’t remember where I’ve seen you before.”

Xiao Wu whispered on the side, “You probably saw on TV. Teacher’s real name is Li Yu.”

Han was completely shocked, “Li Yu?! One of Ke Lake’s three teachers?! No wonder you look very familiar!”

Ke Lake was the strongest esper in the history of Earth, and he was quite famous in the entire Milky Way. He had three teachers, and they were all the highest ranked espers on Earth. It turned out that Li Qi’s 4th grandpa was one of Ke Lake’s teachers!

Li Yu gestured with his hands, and his eyes dimmed a little, “The past is the past, let’s not mention it.”

Han knew, it was still unclear whether Ke Lake was dead or alive, and without him as the pillar supporting Earth, it was still unknown whether Earth could make it through the Galactic Meet and avoid being colonized. Remembering these didn’t help in

improving Li Yu's mood.

Senior Li Yu also realized that he might've made the atmosphere less joyful, so he quickly asked Han, "According to Li Qi, you are also an esper, and you even have the respected SSS ranked power. As an esper, what are your future plans?"

Han started making fun of himself, "My power itself is pretty good, but my foundation is way too horrible. After a few days I plan to go to Siberia and focus on training for a bit to see if I can improve my stats and level.

Li Yu knew about Han's background, but what triggered his interest was why he wanted to go to Siberia. It was such a rural area.

"Is your trip to Siberia arranged by the Esper Administration?" Li Yu asked in curiosity.

Han shook his head and said, "No, it's my own decision. My ability, Void End, can nullify any espers' abilities, but if I want to fight back then I desperately need to train my body and practice martial arts. So I decided to find an extremely cold area to do some training."

Han continued, "Originally I wanted to go to the South Pole, but there's no base there and it will be hard to get resources. That's why I decided to go to Siberia."

Li Yu nodded, “Practicing martial arts and training your body in the extreme cold? Who taught you that?”

Han answered, “A friend of mine said practicing martial arts is like practicing your life. Only in the extreme cold, when one push oneself to their limit, they can learn the true arts of fighting and a solid set of skills. That’s why I want to give it a shot.”

Li Yu was deep in thought for a second and starting talking, “Your friend is very right, humans can reveal the most potential when they are pushed to their limits and placed at the gate of death. He told you to go to an extremely cold place to train. Although it’s kind of cruel, but it’s still the right path.”

“But no matter how low your Power Index is, you are still an esper, so the normal level of cold is still not enough to push you to your limit.”

Han stopped for a second, and said, “That’s true, I feel a lot stronger than before too. Aside from Siberia, where else can help me train better?”

Li Yu considered for a bit and made a decision, he smiled and said, “Han, since you know who I am, you probably know what I do right?”

Han nodded, “You are the Chief of Extinction Site Administration. It said so on TV.”

Li Yu laughed, “If you are not scared of hard work, we are working on an extinction site at the South Pole, it has the environment you want there, and extremely cold environment.”

“After all I still owe you a big favor. How about this? I will get you into the Extinction Site Administration, then I will give you any training environment and equipment you want. You don’t have to worry about anything and just focus on training.”

This was such good news! What is the Extinction Site Administration? It’s not an exaggeration to call it the most important institution of the United Government of Earth. It was in control of the top confidential intelligence and an abundant amount of resources, so only the strongest and most loyal espers can be qualified to work at the Extinction Site Administration.

Of course, Han didn’t expect Li Yu to take him on a tour in the legendary extinction site, he was happy enough to find the right environment to train and have the resource support from the Extinction Site Administration. It’s the best treatment you can get on Earth!

“4th Grandpa, don’t worry, I just want a good place to concentrate on training. I won’t give you any trouble.” Han said very sincerely.

Li Yu thought for a second, and turned to Xiao Wu on his said and said, “You take care of this arrangement, and two days from now Han will leave with us to the South Pole. Give Han the best training and living conditions.”

Chapter 24: Under The Candle Light

Around dusk, Han left the hospital and took the subway back to the city. He came off the subway at the busy business sector where the last battle took place. He met up with Cheng Zhong and Monk as promised, today was the 7th day since the death of the 7 espers, and the citizens were holding a memorial ceremony for them.

A lot of people came off the subway at this stop, and Han just followed the crowd and slowly exited the station. He was shocked by what he saw on the street.

At the moment, the sky hadn't completely darkened yet, and many people have already lit up candles. White candles were placed everywhere on both side of the streets, even on the windows of the high-rises on the side.

Night slowly fell. It was as if people had made previous arrangements. No one turned on any lights, and all there were was dim lights from the candles lining the streets. The atmosphere was filled with sorrow and remembrance.

This night, the whole city was lit up by candles. A lot of children were holding lanterns, also containing white candles. The swinging around of the lanterns caused the dim light to flicker.

A young mother led her daughter and walked past Han. The little girl was really small and was holding a lantern. Han noticed that the candle inside the lantern was also very small.

“Mommy, what are espers?” The little girl asked in a very small voice.

“They are a group of very strong soldiers.” The mother answered with a faint smile, “They fight in battles to protect the earth and us.”

The little girl thought for a second, “Will they protect me too?”

“Yep.”

“Will they protect mommy?”

“Yep.”

“Will they protect grandpa?”

“Yep.”

“Will they protect grandma?”

“Yep, espers will protect our family, and everyone at your kindergarten. They will also protect the aunties and uncles on the street. They will protect everyone.” The mother tried to explain to his little girl.

Oh~

The little girl as if understood something, and she nodded her head heavily once, and said in a delightful voice, “I understood, espers are good people!”

Han smiled faintly, quickly walked past this cute little girl.

Sometimes, people’s impression of espers were not like today. There are always going to be reports on the news about how espers were using their power to bully the weaklings and causing chaos.

But, people have all understood from this incident that, for both espers and ordinary people, there are a lot of bad people among the espers, but also a lot of good people.

This is how the world has always been, the good people were always silent before they stepped out against the evil. Just like Pang Zuolin, that young man who jumped off the building holding a bronze bull statue, the one who sacrificed himself to damage the raider’s ship and protect the civilians.

Now Pang Zuolin has become a hero known as the Bronze Bull Warrior. His last words, “No matter how weak Earth is, it’s still my home!” was now known by everyone.

But before Pang Zuolin became a hero, he was just a silent and hardworking Physical Education teacher. He never bragged about his status as an esper, and just lived an ordinary life.

The real heroes only stand up when the world need them, but normally they just remain unknown.

As the person that experienced that battle first hand, Han saw with his own eyes that these espers who usually remained humble and unknown put their fears aside and ran straight to the battlefield. Within 1 minute, the battlefield had already gathered over 40 espers. Within 3 minutes, there were already over 200 espers arriving. They were not soldiers, but when disasters struck, their speed was even faster than the army, and they were even more fearless!

More and more people gathered. Even though each candle provided a very weak light, when gathered they could still light up the darkness.

Han stopped at a store's window and saw that the large screen TV inside was broadcasting the worldwide memorial ceremony from Beijing, Shanghai, and Guang Zhou. Starting with these Asian cities, wherever the night fell, the candles representing hope lit up.

Seoul, Taipei, Tokyo, the candle lights crossed the vast Pacific ocean and arrived at America, then from the Atlantic Ocean to Europe.

Han felt someone standing behind him. He turned around and saw Monk and Cheng Zhong. He didn't know when Cheng Zhong shaved his ponytails but now he was bald, and Monk was carrying a giant backpack. These two baldies standing together, it really looked like one big monk and one small monk.

“Your hair...”

Cheng Zhong touched his head which was now bald, and said with a smile, “Shaved it. Everyday just to manage those tails I could waste an hour. If I got that much time I’m better off eating a few more pounds of meat.”

“Where’s your headphones?”

“Threw it away.”

“Baseball shirt?”

“Hey why are you so troublesome?” Cheng Zhong shook the fat on his body and said, “I will put it this way. After seeing you guys tonight, I’m planning to shut myself away and concentrate on training and becoming fatter. I will be giving my all to prepare for the second stage of the pressure exam. You guys don’t have to call me, I threw my phone away too.”

Monk shrugged his shoulders, “What a coincidence. I was about to tell you guys too. Tonight I’m going back to my mountain to train, and I came here tonight to say goodbye. The first stage of the pressure exam was not my strength but combat is. So I’m going to take advantage of this time to improve myself.”

Han slightly nodded his head. Seems like he was not the only one changed by this battle, Monk and Cheng Zhong also became more

hardworking than before.

“It’s really a coincidence.” Han thought a bit and said, “Before when I didn’t know I had power, I always thought, if the sky falls then the tall guys can handle it, it has nothing to do with me. And today I finally realized, I’m actually that tall guy, and if the sky falls I need to give it my all to handle it.”

Han continued, “Actually, I’m here to say goodbye too. In two days, I will be going to the Extinction Site Administration. They found a place to train for me, and I’m going to be shutting myself away from the world too.”

Cheng Zhong didn’t say anything. Next year was going to be the year Galactic Meet takes place, and it was very possible that Earth will be turned into a colony for another planet. Even if Earth is lucky enough to not be colonized, there were still a lot of raiders that were eyeing earth covetously and menacingly.

This was the Galactic Era, it was also a merciless era where the jungle rules applied. As the only army on Earth, the espers were facing a lot of pressure.

Monk asked, “Extinction Site Administration? Li Muyun and Chu Li also wants to get you into their division office.”

Han answered, “What were they doing before then... But I heard that a large crowd of espers are taking the initiative to apply to the Administration and other battle organizations, so Chu Li probably isn’t short for hands.”

Cheng Zhong nodded, “Ya man, before there was Ke Lake handling everything for us. Espers were free to do whatever job they wanted. That’s not the case now, without Ke Lake we have to shoulder the responsibility. If I can’t pass the pressure examination then I’m applying straight to the marines.”

Right after he finished his sentence, the watch on his wrist started beeping.

Cheng Zhong put his backpack on the ground and took out a piece of ham that was at least two pounds in weight. He opened his mouth wide and started swallowing the meat chunk by chunk.

After seeing Han and Monk looking at him, Cheng Zhong threw a photo at them. In the photo was a handsome young man with a muscular body. Aside from the little pony tails on his head, it was really hard to tell that this was how Cheng Zhong used to look like.

Cheng Zhong sat on the floor and quickly shoved that giant piece of ham through his mouth into his stomach. He drank two mouthful of water, and started working on a second piece of ham. Han saw that Cheng Zhong’s neck had already turned red from the eating as if he was about to puke anytime, yet he was still shoving meat down his throat nonstop.

“I need to eat.”

“I need to eat nonstop.”

“There is no other choice, I’m a conversion descent esper, without fat then I have no fighting power. Without fighting power how can I protect anyone?”

“I’d rather eat enough to turn into a pig, then to experience what happened that day again.”

“If you guys want to laugh at me then go ahead, I don’t care.”

Han and the Monk of course didn’t laugh at him since they only respected him more after seeing the photo.

To other people, delicious cuisine was an enjoyment, but to Cheng Zhong it was pure suffering.

This bloody world, it had turned a handsome young man into the Cheng Zhong right now.

Han let out a light sigh. He raised his head and saw the endless candle lights, and all the people praying under that light.

Such a sight, it was beautiful.

Such pressure, it was unbearable.

Chapter 25: South Pole Base

Just on time, hours before leaving for the South Pole, Han finally received the package sent by Pathless Origin. He didn't even have time to open it before he was already on the military plane with Li Yu.

Shua~

The United Government's God Strength grade military cargo airplane was travelling at an incredible speed. Aside from carrying Han, Li Yu and a few other passengers, the cargo was also carrying supplies and resources for the base at the South Pole. Although these military grade cargo airplanes were gigantic, it was also capable of ascending vertically and was equipped with 6 super turbo-engines.

The plane quickly arrived at the aerospace in the South Pole. Han looked down from the plane, only to see a world covered in white snow. The Extinction Site Administration base looked like a chessboard from the sky. There was a giant spherical carbon fiber building in the center, surrounded by a couple more smaller spherical buildings that were connected by pipe-like transparent corridor. It looked quite modern.

Stepping off the plane, Han's two feet touched the icy ground and he could immediately feel the chill entering his body.

"We are here, this is our base. Anyone that enters this base will have to go through security, and if you want to leave the base you

will need to write a report for approval. This place is not somewhere to just go in and out at will.” Wu Di (previously called Xiao Wu by Li Yu) carefully explained to Han.

Han nodded, the bases of the Extinction Site Administration were Earth’s secrets, so the management and administration part was obviously stricter than anywhere else.

A lot of people came out of the base to help transport the cargo, and Wu Di introduced Han to everyone. After hearing that Han cured Li Yu’s zero-degree region atrophy, they all gave him a big thumbs up and became very welcoming towards him.

After all, Li Yu was the pillar that was supporting the Extinction Site Administration, everyone’s leader. Han did a huge favor for Li Yu which was the same as doing a huge favor for everyone here, and not one of them knew how they could ever repay the favor.

Li Yu went to the control center while Wu Di took Han on a tour around the base.

You could tell that the Extinction Site Administration was very well funded and had access to a lot of resources due to all the equipment in the base. Aside from facilities that catered to normal day lives, there was even libraries, pool tables, tennis courts, 12 virtual training pods, spacious multi-purpose gyms, and so on.

Han got a single room of about 20 something square meters, the window went all the way to the floor which gave a beautiful view of the snow. There was also a vertical showering unit, a study desk

and a small sofa.

“You can leave your things for now, let me take you to register your DNA data.” Wu Di said.

Han threw his stuff onto the bed and followed Wu Di to the center of the base. At the center of the base lied the headquarters and it also served as the entrance to the Extinction domain (an alternate space that you enter after entering the Gate at the Extinction site).

Wu Di pointed at a spherical machine and said, “This is a complete DNA assessment system, it will not only record your DNA data but also track and record your Power Source Index. You just have to stand on this machine for a few seconds, and you can come back anytime later on and to check your progress. The machine will automatically generate data table, telling you how effective your training is and what improvements to make. In addition, your DNA data is recorded as well and that will be your passport here. We don’t have any access cards at the base, we only use DNA.”

Han nodded, shocked by how advanced the equipment was, just one machine could have that many purposes.

At that moment Li Yu walked past with a few commanders from the administration and saw Han was about to do the DNA assessment. He was pretty interested in the results and he stopped to introduce Han to the other colleagues, “Here, this is Han, it’s all because of him that I’m able to come back to base.”

Everyone nodded with respect and looked at Han with appreciation.

The machine was silver colored and it was like a tube. When someone stands in the tube, there will be a red ray that scans the entire body.

Han stood still. Seconds later, the system screen displayed Han's basic statistics.

“Natural Growth rate is 2.1?! That can't be right!” Wu Di looked at the results and was completely shocked.

“Let me see.” Li Yu curiously walked over, he stared at the screen for a long time and finally said in a deep voice, “It's really 2.1... Oh my god.”

“Chief, did you just come back from the hospital or Taobao (Chinese Amazon)? Growth rate 2.1, every day he just have to stand still and he can grow 2.1 points, honestly where did you dig up this monster?”

“That's an incredibly high natural growth rate! It reminded me of Ke Lake.”

Within 3 days, Han's Power Source Index increased by another 6 units, now he has 48 points of Power Source Index. Including Chief Li Yu, everyone was thoroughly impressed by Han.

Of course everyone was also confused. With such a high growth rate, Han should've already been a high level warrior... Why is it that he was already an adult but he just hit the 48 mark. It was as if he had just acquired his power or something.

Actually, Han indeed did just acquire his power recently, but he obviously had no good way of explaining power crystals, so he had no choice but to play dumb and pretend that he didn't know too.

Li Yu patted Han on the shoulder and laughed, "Chu Li was just calling me last night asking me if you really agreed to join the Extinction Site Administration, I said yep, and he got so mad that he hung up my phone. So that's why! Such talent!"

Li Yu continued, "There's no point trying to discuss why your Power Source Index didn't grow in the past, what's most important is to capture the present. Wu Di will take you to the training facility, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask him. And if I'm not busy, I will be paying attention to you too!"

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Han got to know a lot of people on his first day at the base, he received a lot of compliments, especially on his natural growth rate. He didn't have to move a finger and he could already grow 2.1 points every day, and if combined with the 46 Ensemble Training (TL: explained later), the growth speed would be even faster. Everyone thought he was someone god sent from Heaven.

That night, Han spent a few hours like usual to write the drug index, then he stopped at Pathless Origin's website and opened the chat window.

"Teacher, I found a very ideal location for training. It's a miraculous body of water that doesn't freeze when the water goes below zero. I will soon be going in there to practice 46 Ensemble Training, will there be anything I should do or pay attention to during training?" Han asked politely.

Shua~

Pathless Origin responded really quickly. In the past Han always waited for a long time, but unbeknownst to him, his response time has dramatically decreased. Now, Han gets a response immediately after he asks a question.

"The first time is of course very important, did little Black (TL: referring to Night Walker) give you any drugs?"

"I bought some source energy pills from him."

"Source energy? I guess that will work, take three doses of source energy pill, don't bring your battle suit or weapon. Just go in naked into the water that's not lower than -10 Celsius. Stay there for at least 3 hours, only practice the first Ensemble of the 46 Ensemble Training."

Han was shocked, going into the freezing water naked and train?

Take 3 times the normal dose of source energy pill? Hold for at least 3 hours?

If Han didn't know that Pathless Origin was a pro, he will think that he's out of his mind for sure!

This kind of training, it was a suicidal pace!

Although Han had a little doubt on the inside, he knew that Pathless Origin had a bad temper so he didn't dare to say more. He quickly thanked him and turned off the window.

Han looked at his body, ever since he became an esper, his physical body properties have had very significant improvements. But will his body be able to hold 3 hours under -10 degrees Celsius water?

On the bed was placed the Black Celestial Python suit and his Tritanium dagger Tremor. The black battle suit had a great texture, it could reach 3 stars high for physical defense. Originally Han planned to wear this precious battle suit but guess he has to wait a little longer.

Han put away his suit, weapon, and laptop, retrieved the dark net access software back to his necklace and left the room. He headed towards that miraculous water spot.

Chapter 26: Mad Training

“DNA assessment complete, Access Granted for Entering Extinction Site Level 1.” The system said as the heavy, metal alloy gates opened.

There was a very long passage going down to ground level, where a car running on tracks took the passengers to the first level, where the extinction site was.

After Han got on, the electric car started moving automatically. After around 5 minutes, Han got off and came to the first transfer platform. Continuing straight ahead would be the entrance to the actual Extinction Domain, where the secret of this administration lied, and Han wasn't authorized to enter yet.

Two esper soldiers were on the night shift. The blonde one that smiled a lot was named Charlie, and the guy with a big nose and black hair was named Fo Liman. Both of them were veterans in their 30s that had worked for a long time at the administration.

Although their job was just to protect the entrance to the extinction domain, they still worked hard with no complaints. In their eyes, if they were not qualified to go into the domain, standing outside to guard it was still a great honor.

Dusk approached, Wu Di had introduced them to Han before so they all knew each other. Han greeted them, then went on a side track beside the entrance.

When the Extinction Site Administration was exploring this site a few years ago, they found a miraculous pool of water near the entrance. The temperature of the water was below 0 but it wouldn't freeze. When Han said he wanted to find an extremely cold place for training, Li Yu immediately thought of this place.

This pool of water was outside of the Extinction domain so even if Han was not some important personnel at the administration, training near the domain shouldn't be a problem.

After discovering this pool, the administration installed a trail of lights near it, and Han followed them.

The pool was like a terrace, divided into different layers, with each layer being a different temperature. Starting from the highest layer of 0 degrees Celsius, every layer going down was a 10 degrees Celsius decrease in temperature.

With a total of 24 layers, the deepest layer of water reached -230 degrees Celsius! You must know that even absolute zero is only about -273 degrees Celsius.

At this place, even the air was unbearably chilly. The pool's two sides had steps left behind by the pre-historic civilization. It seemed like a pre-historic intelligent species also frequently visited the pool.

Unfortunately, the administration investigated the pool for a long time and still couldn't make sense of the purpose this extremely chilly pool served... If it could be used for Han's training, then it can be counted as useful.

Pathless Origin told Han to start from a temperature of -10 degrees Celsius first, so Han went to the second layer, and put down the 46 Ensemble Training's frequency spectrograph on a piece of rock.

46 Ensemble Training was accepted by the Milky Way Galaxy as the most effective foundation training. Apparently it was found when exploring an extinction domain. It was a type of aggregated training that enhances source energy, physical body, martial arts, and reflexes.

Just like its name, it was composed of 46 sets of movements of increasing difficulty, from easy to tough. All the espers in the entire Milky Way all started their training with this with almost no exceptions. As well, they only started to learn other skills or techniques after learning the 46 Ensemble Training.

As for the frequency spectrograph used for training and studying purposes, it was a fully automatic holographical projecting system. After turning it on, it was like a half intellectualized virtual teacher that helped students practice. They pointed out the areas that were lacking and needed improvement during the training.

Han didn't need anyone to give additional pointers when he trained and that was because, in this era, the foundational training was completely intellectualized, it's pretty convenient.

Aside from those extremely rich families that would still hire personal trainers, the majority of the espers started their training

with instructional programs, and meeting teachers to learn usually happens after learning the 46 Ensemble Training.

Han forced his hands down into the -10 degrees Celsius water, and the chilly water felt as if it was piecing through his skin, entering through the pores into the body. But Han was an esper after all, so the source energy could help him cancel out a portion of the cold he felt.

Standing up, Han pressed the combat sized medicine kit on his left wrist. It was the gift from Night Walker, a type of small metal box that could contain all sorts of drugs. All you needed was to put the box close to your mouth and drugs will automatically pop out. This could run on either voice command or touch screen control.

It was designed this way to improve convenience during battle, since during a fight that decided life and death, no one really had the time to take out a handful of drugs, pick out the ones they wanted and then put them back into their pocket. Intellectualized drug containers allowed soldiers to take drugs within the shortest time so it enjoyed a high popularity in the market.

Han placed his square, watch sized medicine kit near his mouth.

“Source Energy, 3 pills.”

Pa~

Right after the words came out of his mouth, the kit

automatically shot out three blue pills, and these high-tech training drugs melted immediately in Han's mouth, showing their effects right away.

Han felt his own energy and power quickly increasing. After 20 minutes later, the drug will reach its maximum effect and will continue until the training ends.

Han took off his clothes, turned on the frequency spectrograph, closed his eyes and jumped into the icy cold water.

Experienced people all know that cold water was a lot more merciless than cold air. Cold water could pierce through skin and muscles and quickly suck out all the heat energy from the human body.

Shua~

The frequency spectrograph started working, projecting two holographical human shadows, one in front of Han, a virtual instructor, another one identical to Han. Whenever Han made a wrong move while practicing, there will be a deviation between him and his hologram. The hologram will turn from white to red so that Han was notified when his movements were not proper.

“Now beginning with the 1st Ensemble.”

“Up”

“Stretch”

“Preserve Strength”

“Transfer”

The 46 Ensemble Training frequency spectrograph was a very advanced system. It will adjust the speed based on the status of the user, and will repeat moves whenever the user fails to perform it correctly.

When Han was back home he watched some online videos and scratched the surface, but it was his first time using a legit frequency spectrograph. He carefully practiced with the hologram and tried his best to stay focused.

But trying to focus in a -10 degrees pool was not an easy task. Han lost an incredible amount of heat energy every second, and his inner source energy started feeling the challenge of the harsh environment. It started to actively help Han fend off the cold, which was surprising and reassuring for Han.

“No wonder Pathless Origin consistently emphasized the importance of the cold environment. Source energy and zero-degree brain region are all reacting as a self-defence mode. In such a cold environment, the zero-degree brain region probably thought that my life was in danger so it started to operate faster, and pushes source energy around my body at a faster speed to keep me warm.” Han thought to myself.

When the cold temperature approaches lethal levels, every organ inside Han's body started to operate like crazy. Putting up a great struggle in the face of death was a special property about humans, and it was also a property of the zero-degree brain region.

Han had never experienced this feeling before, it was as if every cell inside his body was trying to fight for survival. But, after a while, the struggle began to lose effect, the cold was not only draining his heat away, but also his life.

At the verge of collapsing, Han suddenly thought of what Pathless Origin said.

“Fight to kill! Hit every punch! Trade eye for eye! Only surrender in death!”

“Without such a mindset, it is impossible to become elites.”

Han was completely affected by the sheer force of those words. The cold environment was like a battle field! If he chooses to run away from the cold, what will happen if he joins the battlefield? Where could he run?!

Practicing martial arts was just like practicing your will to live, and training was like a battle!

Without realizing it at first, Han started to feel a small yet miraculous change within his body. The more persistent he was to continue the training, the more the zero-degree region of his brain

was influenced by that determination, releasing waves and waves of source energy. This energy entered Han's body and became the power that supported Han to continue the training.

It's like a positive feedback loop, only madmen that were persistent to push themselves to the verge of death could really unleash this off-the-chart amount of potential!

It's just, Han's potential was a bit different, his zero-degree brain region didn't belong to him, but from succeeding an unknown ace esper.

Chapter 27: Reached Two Stars!

Shua~

In the extremely cold pool, white steam was rising. Han's skin and muscles became crimson red, as if it was burning. His source energy was being released at an incredible rate, quickly circulating through Han's entire body to provide him the heat necessary for survival.

Revealing potential at this amazing speed was not just the expansion of Han's zero-degree brain region, but a dramatically increased learning speed. The reason is simple, Han inherited his power from an ace esper, and ace espers had obviously practiced 46 Ensemble Training before. The insane training activated some memory locations inside Han's zero-degree brain region, allowing him to get more and more skilled with the movements that were already mastered by the ace esper before he passed away.

The increasing speed of his movements along with further activation of the zero-degree region finally allowed Han to resist the icy water's intrusion into his body. Without exaggerating, Han felt like he took a walk in hell, came back to the mortal world and saw a completely different scenery.

What improved was not only Han's source energy amount, but also his level!

Hong~ (Sound of something exploding)

Suddenly, the source energy rushed out of Han's body like an explosion, pushing away the icy water surrounding him. Han suddenly felt like his brain became much clearer. The surrounding scenery didn't change, but the feeling changed, as if someone had placed wings on his back, allowing him to soar through the sky.

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When people were concentrated on something, time feels like its flying by for them. When Han walked out of the icy pool of water, it had already been 4 hours.

Putted on his clothes, Han returned to the base. At that time it had already become busy inside. Most people have woken up and went to the cafeteria to eat, chat, or grab a cup of coffee and sit by the corner to read today's newspaper.

When walking across headquarter, Han decided to go for an assessment.

He wasn't so sure the meaning behind the source energy "explosion", it was only after four hours of training anyways. He felt very relaxed and free, as if all the impurity in his body was completely washed away, replaced by surging energy.

The powerful DNA system was always monitoring Han's Power Source Index so Han just needed to find the data on the machine.

After a few clicks on the screen, Han's real-time statistics was

generated into a display appearing onto the screen.

Rank, two stars.

Power Source Index, 103...

Han was speechless, so he had already past 2 stars! He's now a 2-star ranked esper!

At the icy pool, when his zero-degree brain region suddenly releasing a large amount of source energy, it was actually a sign of advancement in rank! Within one night, Han's Power Source Index increased by 55 points! It had more than doubled, that's incredible!

Han grabbed a large cup of hot chocolate and two meat buns from the cafeteria and went back to his room. He turned on the computer and logged onto the Galactic Dark Net.

"Teacher, I've followed what you said, and something unbelievable happened. My Power Source Index increased by a lot in one night, my level is also two star now, what's happening?" Han opened the chat box and asked Pathless Origin.

It was as if Pathless Origin waited because he knew Han would ask him right away after training, so he quickly responded.

"Stupid! Inheriting someone else's power was never an easy thing, the power crystal was moulded by the esper's undying soul. Transferring someone's power into your brain is the easy part, the

hardest part is the refinement. Because the power crystal not only has source energy, but also the esper's soul that is unwilling to disappear, it's a lot more difficult."

"Those greedy power crystal smugglers obviously told you a lot of benefits to inheriting a power, liars! Those people's existence relies on tricking ignorant people like you! Successors and the deceased espers have different physical attributes, past experiences, and also consciousness. If something goes wrong, it won't be as simple as not being able to fully inherit the power. It's also very possible for the deceased esper's consciousness to collide with yours and cause the zero-degree brain region to explode. Yes, literally, an explosion, inside your brain."

"So, the inheritance type esper need to use the most extreme method to fully active the full potential of the power, which is this method I taught you. So yes, inheriting power can go either way. You can either take over all the training results and abilities that the previous owner of Void End mastered, or if you fail, you will die faster."

Han was left speechless, he never knew that inheriting someone else's power could be this dangerous. No wonder that even if the power crystals were sold on the dark net, the sales volume was always not too hot. It was actually because of the high risk associated with inheriting the power.

Han thought for a bit and asked, "Teacher, I never told you that I got my power from a power crystal, how did you know?"

"Are you stupid? You are this old and you are still learning basic

stuff, if you didn't get your power from a crystal, did it just fall out of the sky then?"

"Okay, in conclusion, martial arts, you need to train with your life on the line! Successors of other people's power, also need to train with their lives on the line! So now it's your destiny to put your life on the line for everything! You need to do that for training! Also for battles! If you want to be successful, then you have to push yourself with the most extreme methods and trade it with a comfortable life!"

"Now, tell me how much did your Power Source Index increase?"

Han answered, "Under the -10 degrees pool, I trained for around 4 hours and my index number went from 48 to 103."

Pathless Origin always respond very quickly but after Han sent the last message, he actually didn't respond for a while.

After many minutes, Pathless Origin finally replied, "Yep, not too bad. Looks like you inherited from a very powerful esper. If you still have energy you can do a bit of training in the normal training room, but you don't need to train that hard in the pool any more. Now just focus on solidifying the source energy you just gained."

"Next time you go to the pool to train, you just need to take one source energy pill, keep the time you train to within 4 hours. Extreme training isn't about the time but the intensity. As long as you can push yourself to your limit for 10 minutes, the effect is way better than just doing normal training for 10 hours."

“You can come ask me again after you are done training tomorrow, that Little Black (TL: a cute nickname Pathless Origin has for Night Walker) left your little troublesome brat with me, I’m going get him back for this!”

After sending that message, Pathless Origin left the chat room. He actually voluntarily told Han to find him tomorrow, that’s the first time he’s said that.

It was as if Pathless Origin has slowly gotten used to Han’s daily questions, if one day Han doesn’t ask him questions anymore, he might actually get lonely and feel uncomfortable.

Han felt a great boost of confidence. Now his experience and physical strength were all increasing nonstop, only after a few hours of sleep he was already able to jump out of bed fully rested. It was a bit too early to write the drug index, so Han decided to go to the training room to do a few normal training exercises.

And since it was normal training exercises, Han could finally wear his brand new battle suit. He put on the Black Celestial Python. It felt a bit cold, yet really soft, and there was an exquisite layer of scales which was what really protected the wearer.

About the tritanium dagger Tremor, it was really heavy, at least 80 something pounds. It was the weapon that enjoyed quite a bit of popularity among the fighters.

Han tried to swing it around for a few times, but it felt kind of

heavy so he couldn't do it with high proficiency. But that was okay since Han's level was increasing quickly so being able to freely use the weapon was just a matter of time.

“In theory, now that I'm a two-star esper, I should be able to create a void domain of 1 meter in radius...” Han started to think about it as he walked to the training facility.

Chapter 28: Deeper Layer Of Dark Net

The Extinction Site Administration had hundreds of espers employed. In order to keep these espers in shape, there was a huge and advanced training facility.

The training center had a large gym, and the equipment were all tailored to the strengths and capabilities of espers. Other than that, there were also single training rooms where espers were allowed to shut themselves away to train in peace.

Han wanted to try his Void End, so he booked a large single training room. At this moment, the majority of espers were exploring the Extinction Domain so there weren't a lot of people there. Han went to the single training room on the top floor. It was about 200 square meters with large glass windows that extended to the ground. The floor and the wall were all built from enhanced carbon fiber. The structure was even stronger than steel, but also lighter and more resilient.

Han stood in the center of the training room with his eyes closed, trying to use his mind to slowly gather all the source energy.

Shua~

When the source energy was gathered to a certain degree, it suddenly triggered a property change, and opened up a dimension that was one meter in radius with Han at the center!

This was the Void Domain!

The moment anyone entered this domain, their power would be immediately taken away. Any long range superpower attacks will vanish the moment they entered this zone!

This was a bit different from the power immunity Han already had. Power immunity acted no matter when, even if Han was sleeping. If an esper attacked him with a power, for example an ice arrow, the moment that ice arrow touched Han, it would melt immediately.

But the Void Domain needed Han to consciously activate it, as well as draining some source energy. If he didn't activate the domain, no one would ever know that he had such skill, so it could be pretty deceptive.

Only Han will be able to see the coverage of the Void Domain, which appeared as a thin layer of light in his eyes. No one else will be able to find out whether Han activated the domain or not. It was very possible that the enemies will charge right into Han to use some power attacks, and then suddenly realize that their power was gone and be completely exposed to Han's counter attack.

In conclusion, Void End was a very overbearing and unreasonable power. The moment one entered the domain, everyone would be powerless and be forced to fight against Han with martial arts.

Of course in order to forge iron, the tool itself must be tough. Even if Han could take away the enemies' power, he still needed to

be strong enough himself in order to stay alive in fights.

Han practiced many times to release and withdraw the domain and used up quite a bit of source energy. Then he started practicing the 46 Ensemble Training. To every esper soldier, 46 Ensemble was still the basics of the basics. Even if they were in later stage with high achievements, they still won't stop practicing it, because there was a whole list of benefits for practicing this. For instance, when you are tired, it can help you regain energy, relax your body, and increase power and flexibility.

Han looked at Pathless Origin's database, apparently high level esper soldiers will usually practice 46 Ensemble once before they begin their training as a warm up, and once more after they are done to regain energy and relax the muscles. And Pathless Origin himself was also inclined to recommend practicing 46 Ensemble. He thought that as an esper soldier, regardless of how high level they were, they should never ignore the effects of practicing 46 Ensemble and continue to do it until they die.

Han turned on the frequency spectrograph and started practicing every move after the holographic teacher. The rhythm during battle and any fundamental skills and practices related to battle were all touched upon in the 46 Ensemble. Although it looked like a simple exercise, it was able to exercise every piece of muscle inside Han's body.

Han's shadow in the training room became very agile, one moment suddenly imitating an eagle soaring in the sky, another moment mimicking a crimson rabbit surging towards the moon.

The benefits of activating the zero-degree brain region with extreme conditions slowly began to surface. As Han's source energy drastically increased, he also felt like he had woken up the memory from a long time ago, making him feel like the 46 Ensemble couldn't be more familiar.

The predecessor that left behind the Void End power crystal must have practiced 46 Ensemble very frequently and now that Han inherited the power from the predecessor, he was able to progress a thousand times faster in comparison to other novices.

Han had looked up the people that previously possessed this power, and the search result was a bit unbelievable for him. There was only an old senior called Ye Shuihan, a 6 star Warlord ranked esper who was naturally talented. He did not work under anyone during his time, and he used that unique and unreasonable power of his to cause havoc everywhere. His whole life could be concluded as a life full with dispute, and he was quite famous in the Milky Way Galaxy.

Then Ye Shuihan disappeared in the end, no one knew if he was still alive. But if we hypothesize that he died on a foreign planet and passed on his power to Han, it was actually very likely. It was just that, Han couldn't believe how lucky he was, a "garbage" power crystal he bought for 10,000 GC was actually left behind by the warlord Ye Shuihan?

Han couldn't believe it nor deny it. Maybe the answer to whose Void End and legacy he inherited will always be a myth.

After the afternoon training was completed, Han had some

dinner, took a break and went back to his room for some rest. Then he started to write the drug index number and started training in the pool after he was done. Following Pathless Origin's instructions, every time Han trained, he will put half of his life on the line in order to push himself to the verge of death. Starting from the second extreme training session, Han only took one source energy pill each time. According to Pathless Origin's explanation later on, it was actually because he was scared that Han would die from the first training, so he told him to take 3 times the normal dose of nuclear energy to protect his life at crucial moments.

Now that Han had slowly adapted to this type of crazy training, his drug intake also decreased to the normal amount.

With a godlike speed of improvement, Han could always increase his Power Index by 30 points every day. If compared to the natural growth rate, it was more than 10 times bigger! Even Pathless Origin said more than once that Han's speed of improvement was okay.

And with Pathless Origin's strict character, when he says it's okay, then it must be really "okay".

This continued on for a week. Han followed Pathless Origin's pointers and trained hard every day. His Power Source Index also successfully past 300. On the night Han past 300, Pathless Origin suddenly gave Han a link to a website.

"From today forward you don't have to do regular training anymore, it's pointless for you. Your power is from inheritance, so you just need to fully activate your zero-brain region and then your

fundamental skills will naturally be there. Do you have a virtual pod over there? Go visit that website.” Pathless Origin told Han.

“Doe this belong to the dark net as well?” Han looked at the address and asked curiously.

“Yep, websites like little Black’s drug market is just the first layer of the dark net, they are just the things floating on the surface. But what I’m giving you belongs to the second layer, and normal people have no way of even coming close to it. I already added you to the white list and gave you access.” Pathless Origin explained, “And about the website’s content, you will know after you see it. But you have to pay close attention.

Han nodded and inserted that address onto the login program. He had become more familiar with the dark net’s rules now. The dark net was actually like the network rule, most of the websites need a referrer to give permission in order to let users log on.

Han first met Night Walker, and with Night Walker as a guarantee, Han was introduced to Pathless Origin. As he became familiar with Pathless Origin, Pathless Origin also acted as a referrer and introduced Han to another website that was hidden even deeper in the dark net.

All these relationships were created to form a hidden network, and those so called public forums in today’s Han’s eyes were really ordinary, way too far away from being the dark net’s deepest layer.

Just how deep was the Galactic Dark Net? What was its deepest

layer?

Han was completely lost.

Chapter 29: Live Broadcast Of Death

Han took a break for a few hours, and went to the training center at around noon as per usual. In the training center there was a row of public virtual pods for the use of espers that live at the base.

After picking one in the corner, Han took out the dark net access card from his necklace. Accessing the dark net required a login program as well as DNA information, so even if someone managed to get Han's access card, without Han's DNA information it will still be useless.

The dark net login program was really intelligent. It will automatically encrypt the data, so even the central control system will only know that Han used the virtual pod. About what specifically that pod was used for will be completely confidential.

Laying down in the virtual pod, Han pressed the start button.

The virtual pod and the laptop had similar functions but using the pod enhances the user experience. For instance, every day Han when visits Pathless Origin's website, the laptop shows the website on a flat screen whereas the virtual pods will generate a virtual store and the experience was like shopping in real life.

After typing in the address on the screen, the login program verified Han's DNA data and started connecting to dark net.

Very quickly, a virtual world appeared in front of Han's eyes. The address led to a door with blood stains splattered across it. Han

stood on the outside and read the descriptions displayed on the screen.

This website was called “Live Broadcast of Death”. It was a dark net video broadcasting website. The description was written as follows: “Chosen the most fearless esper warriors of Milky Way to fight to the death in Arena. Due to the amount of blood violence, please view at your discretion.”

Han was shocked for a bit, real people fighting to the death broadcasted live?

The dark net was really a screwed up place, they even have this?

With tons of curiosity, Han entered the website. A screen popped up to let Han choose the broadcasts he wished to watch. According to the rules of Live Broadcast of Death, the viewing will charge according to the fighters’ ranking. A fight between two star espers costed 100 GC, three star espers costed 200 GC, and four star espers costed 400 GC. And as for fights between five stars or above, it’s only available at certain times and it costed 1000 GC.

Other than that, there were also esper survival competitions and mass chaotic brawls, which were pretty expensive to watch and were only available during certain times.

Aside from watching live broadcasts, people could also watch videos from the past which only costed 1/10 of its broadcast price. So watching two stars fight only costed 10 GC. Han saw a lot of loyal fans. They all had a warrior they admired so they were

willing to pay a large amount of money to watch the live broadcasts to get the most updated news about the fighters. They can also set bounties or give rewards to the warriors, so it was kind of like fangirling. Only just that what these guys fangirled about killing.

Han wasn't some fan boy, so of course he chose to watch the cheaper replays for past broadcasts. After some consideration, Han felt like his fighting style was closer to a strength descent esper so he decided to watch a 2-star brawl between two strength descent espers. The system automatically withdrew 10 GC from Han's account and sent him onto the battleground.

Virtual live broadcast had a huge benefit, and it was that the audience didn't have to watch from their seats, they could also watch on the stage closer to the fighters. Han chose to watch the fight from up close. He figured that Pathless Origin sent him to this place because he wanted him to learn real combat experience from others.

Both fighters walked into the iron cage, which was spherical in shape and about 100 meters in radius, so the one losing had nowhere to run. The fight only stopped when one of them died.

As for the fighters participating in this duel, there was one muscular man in black hair and another blond middle-aged man that was smaller in size but still muscular.

The stopwatch counted down to zero and the green light flashed on. The two men charged at each other at the same time. They didn't have any weapons other than their fists.

The muscular giant swung his right fist aiming for his enemy's head, but the smaller fighter was very smart. He lowered his body to dodge while returning a hard punch into the enemy's vulnerable belly region, and the giant shouted in pain.

A fight between two strength descent espers was the most brutal kind. After all the taller warrior had the height and weight advantage, and had a higher tolerance to the amount of hits he could take. He saw how sneaky the enemy was, so he held his breath, used his body to tank a punch and immediately swept his big right hand into the face of the smaller fighter.

Gengci~ (Sound of blood coming out)

That giant's hand was like a block of concrete, thick and tough. The smaller fighter couldn't dodge in time and the giant's fingers hooked into his mouth and immediately ripped it apart! Blood start to rush out and it went all over Han's face.

Although it was just a virtual environment, Han could still smell the thick scent and feel the warmth of the blood.

The smaller fighter was placed at a huge disadvantage. He covered his face and started to retreat towards a corner. But as a result, he was oppressed and received a hard beating. All he could do was raise his hands to protect his head.

Then when the smaller fighter was about to get killed, he intelligently spotted an opening as the enemy relaxed his stance.

He quickly charged out of the suppression and grabbed the giant's two arms with his hands, but he lacked the power and couldn't move him.

Under desperation, the smaller fighter started to bite!

He took a huge bite at the giant's ear and ripped it off along with half of the giant's face!

Hong~

The giant fell to the ground, but the smaller fighter was not done yet. He took advantage of this and used his fingers to gouge the giant's eye balls.

Then what happened after left Han in extreme shock. The moment the smaller fighter had the advantage, he started using the most merciless and brutal attacks like a mad dog to attack the enemy. When the fight was over, the corpse on the ground was already badly mutilated, even the stomach was ripped open.

As a spectator, Han had a sudden urge to puke. That fight was beyond Han's wildest imagination, so at the verge of life and death humans can reveal that much potential and become that merciless. In order to survive, the smaller warrior turned from a human to a wild animal under Han's own eyes.

The screen displayed the winner, the smaller fighter, and he was awarded a prize of 8 figures in cash. But there was no smile on his

ace, because his mouth was ripped open and was still dripping blood. One of his eyes was already blind and the eyeball was dangling from the socket.

That's when Han suddenly realized the reason why Pathless Origin told him to watch this merciless Live Broadcast of Death. This was the true face of a battle!

If it was just a virtual battle where no one could die and nothing was to be worried about, how could there be such desperate struggle in the face of death like what Han just witnessed? For survival, any moves or tricks that was conventional or unconventional could all be used. For survival, there was no rules you had to worry about.

And real battles were just as merciless!

Virtual battles can help someone develop their skills, but it can never teach the struggle in the face of death.

The fight had ended, and Han's mood still couldn't calm down for a long time. On Live Broadcast of Death, what he felt was the atmosphere of a real battleground. Everyone that participated in the fight were all like demons, putting everything on the line.

It was only here, someone can be taught what real battle was!

Train using the most extreme method, study the most merciless fights. Without realizing it, Pathless Origin, the odd man that Han

met by accident, was leading Han into an unpredictable future.

Chapter 30: Base In Danger!

The dark net was really a lawless place!

When Han left the assessment pod and returned to his room, he was lost in thought.

Originally, Han thought that the slaves, illegal drugs, military-grade firearm black market were the darkest trades hidden on the dark net. Now that he witnessed the battlefield with blood flying everywhere, Han finally realized, the dark net is not as simple as he thought. The people that made the Live Broadcast of Death channel obviously didn't care about the Milky Way Galactic Law.

Han really wanted to talk to Pathless Origin about that broadcast channel, but he resisted the urge.

Although Han always called Pathless Origin his teacher, their relationship was not really like that since the term "teacher" was just a polite form of address.

Han was scared of pissing him off because after all, having such a knowledgeable man from another planet to help him was a very precious opportunity that he didn't want to tamper with. If it wasn't for Pathless Origin, Han might never have come in contact with the deeper levels of dark net in this life time.

"Pathless Origin said that Live Broadcast of Death was the second layer of the dark net, does that mean there's still a third layer?" Han thought to himself in excitement.

Then, Han shook his head, he spent too much time on the broadcast channel and it was already midnight. He should go back to work now... Drugs, equipment, watching broadcasts, they all costed money, and that 1,300 GC he made from writing index reports every month was his only income...

The increase in level was not only increased source energy, it also enhanced Han's intelligence. Now, Han could keep the time to write up an index report to just below half an hour. That was a speed that the Han a few weeks ago could never even imagine. Including the one and half hour needed to collect additional data, Han only needed to work for about two hours every day, making his life much easier than before.

After finishing the report, Han asked Pathless Origin 3 questions as usual. It seemed like his relationship with him has been improving. In the past Pathless Origin always used the simplest language to answer Han but now he usually added a few more sentences to his answer as if he was scared that Han didn't fully understand.

"In conclusion, your power is power immunity, you are destined to face other people in a fight for survival. You didn't make the wrong observation, I never emphasized the importance of techniques. Techniques are obviously important, but they can be developed through repetitive training. However, your will and confidence isn't something you can develop at home. It needs you to go onto the battle field and participate those bloody battles!"

"Training in the extreme cold or watching the live broadcast of a

merciless brawl, it was all to train you to become a warrior with a strong will. A true warrior should carry a strong will, and even if one day he is killed in battle, his will still can't scatter! You must reach that degree in order to be qualified to be a true warrior, and that's also the only way to reach the pinnacle!"

"Of course, at this stage it is still more important to train under the extremely cold environment. After all, you inherited someone else's power, so if you don't completely reveal the source energy and potential of your predecessor, you are not only not fulfilling the responsibility to yourself, you are also being irresponsible for that warrior that left behind the power for you."

"Tonight you can go to the -20 degrees Celsius water, you just need to take one source energy pill. I trust Little Black's skills, his drugs won't have any problems. But just to be safe, bring the zero-degree joviality pill too, and take it when you can't hold it anymore."

"About your training progress, I don't care. What's most important is for you to enter the struggling state in the face of despair. As long as you enter that state, any type of training you do will have doubled effect, and any training exercise will activate potential, you got it?"

Han quickly replied, "Understood, thank you teacher for your pointers."

"Get lost, you wasted so much of my words and time. If it wasn't for Little Black, who has time to even look at you!" Pathless Origin never forgot to scowl at Han for a bit at the end of his answer, it

had become a habit of his.

In fact Han can clearly feel, under those harsh words there was some caring. But of course, a person with that much pride will always use Night Walker as an excuse.

But Han didn't tell him about one thing, it was about his power. Pathless Origin always thought Han's power was power immunity, but it's not. What Han had was a power that was infinitely times stronger than power immunity, but now that Pathless Origin had a fixated idea of what Han's power was, Han became scared that he would piss off him if he tells him that he actually had Void End.

"I guess I will wait till later to tell him..." Han thought for a bit and said to himself.

Training, writing index report, watching death broadcasts, it seemed like Han's life only had these three things to do now.

He had been making great training progress, and every week he could achieve an increase of 230 points in his Power Source Index score on average. Pathless Origin also instructed Han to enter a colder layer of the pool after every week in order to increase the intensity of training.

The changes that have been taking place on Han's body were very noticeable. One month after coming to the base, Han was a bit skinnier than before. The intense training had taken away the last bit of fat on Han's body, making his body shape more standard, with broader shoulders and a slimmer waist. Although it looked

skinny in clothes, but the muscles on his body were very resilient.

Another night of training was completed. The time was still early but the cafeteria was already filled with people, a lot of them sporting eye bags. No one was talking and they all had their heads down in the food. It was a completely different atmosphere than when Han just arrived to the base. In the beginning, every time he came to the cafeteria it was filled with laughter and joy, with people talking about all kinds of gossips.

But now, the base's atmosphere made Han feel much more stifled. It was as if suddenly no one liked to talk anymore.

“Still want a meat bun?” That old lady serving food asked in a smile.

“Yep, and one large cup of hot chocolate please.” Han added.

“Why do you like to eat meat buns that much? I feel like all the meat buns I made were not enough for you to eat.” The lady joked with Han.

“It's obviously because you have great cooking skills, I've never had a meat bun this tasty so I can never get enough of it.”

“You little boy!” The old lady had a bit smile on her face, and she quickly put in a few extra pieces of delicious meat when making the meat bun for Han.

“Thank you Ms.” Han took the breakfast and was about to go back to his room to eat, but just when he walked to the door, he saw a 27-28 year old soldier running out from the direction of the Extinction Domain, in his full battle suit and his body was covered in blood.

“Doctor Ri! Hurry to the clinic! Someone’s injured!” That soldier yelled.

Doctor Ri who was in the middle of eating breakfast quickly put down that half bowl of soup he was drinking, grabbed his glasses and ran right out of the cafeteria and to the clinic with that soldier.

After a few seconds, an electric jeep appeared from the direction of the Extinction Domain, a few soldiers jumped off carrying a stretcher and sprinted towards the clinic. The guy on the stretcher seemed to be in a really bad condition. His face was all pale white and his body was covered in blood, dripping all over the ground as they moved. After the stretcher past the cleaners quickly mopped clean the blood stains on the floor.

The people in the cafeteria discussed in small voices as they cleaned.

“How many is it now?”

“Today’s third.”

“That’s so unfortunate, don’t even know if he can be saved or

not. Chief Li is still down there, they haven't come up in a long time right?"

“Of course not, the assault troops have been down there for about half a month now, now even the people working above ground are already nervous to death, we can only imagine how much pressure the troops working in the domain are experiencing...”

Chapter 31: Thorn Bird Raider Group

Under the dim star light at some corner of the Milky Way, there was a space station.

From the structure and design of the station, it should be an old model that was used as a hub. Any industrial space ships that passed this station could all park here to rest a bit. The crew members could partake in recreational activities like getting drunk at the bar, picking up some chicks and refilling fuel.

Now that the space station was abandoned, it was taken over by a group of raiders. On the sides of the space station were painted two giant bird symbols, showing that the present occupants of this place were the members of the Thorn Bird Raider Group.

In the Milky Way, there was a big difference between raiders and space pirates. Space pirates never land, they just intercepted transporting or commercial ships, while the raiders would go anywhere to rob as long as the loot was valuable.

Generally speaking, raiders were a much more violent group that was developed on the foundation of space pirates. They were much more powerful and cruel as well.

The four star esper, the strategist of Thorn Birds Di Fu walked past the mess at the lobby. The pirate all had three big hobbies: money, women, and alcohol, and Thorn Bird raiders were no exception. A group of captured girls were forced onto the floor by the drunk raiders, and made to play a game called drunken

chicken.

This game was really simple and cruel. You forced the girls to drink, and when they were drunk on the floor, then the obvious will happen.

Di Fu slightly frowned, he didn't like this kind of uncivilized game, but of course he wouldn't stop his bros. If it wasn't for the lawless environment and piles of cash, which esper would be willing to be a robber?

For the raiders, they could do whatever they wanted during their free times, as long as they give it their all on the battle field.

Di Fu walked past the lobby and arrived at Lucas's, the boss, office. Lucas was a bit drunk already, and in his arms were two naked little girls. He wasn't wearing any clothes either, showing off his terrifying scars and bronze colored muscles.

In this world there were two types of robbers, one were those criminals that had nowhere else to go so they could only join raider groups, like Di Fu. He was the most intelligent existence in the group, his shirt was always pure white with not even a speck of dust on it.

And then there was the second type that were natural born outlaws. They loved the chaos, insanity, and living their lives on the edge of knives. Like Lucas, who was born as an outlaw. Fresh blood and alcohol were his favourite past time.

“Oh my counsellor is here, what is it?” Lucas reluctantly pushed away those two beautiful girls, gestured them to get out and invited Di Fu to sit down in front of him.

Di Fu sat down and said in a deep voice, “Our client wants us to hurry up and execute the deal, the United Government of Earth is very likely going to finish discovering the C ranked Extinction Domain soon. If that happens, Earth might have enough income to form a stronger military, and by then our client’s plan of colonizing Earth will have a lot more obstacles.”

Lucas started to laugh out loud, stood up disapproving and yelled, “It’s easy, I will just go myself and kill and loot everything on that place called Earth.”

Di Fu shook his head, “Boss, Earth isn’t suited for large-scale war.”

“Why?” Lucas was a bit confused, “A lowly planet that just joined the Milky Way Alliance under 20 years ago, do we not have enough men to stomp it?”

Di Fu slightly frowned, “Boss, on the meeting a month ago, I already analyzed the situation, did you forget this quickly?”

Lucas scratched the back of his head and carelessly said, “I forgot, but that’s why I have you right? Why can’t we just attack Earth?”

Di Fu actually disliked Lucas's careless character, but he was a smart guy and obviously wouldn't display his true emotions. He only responded sincerely, "9 years ago, the Earth esper Ke Lake won a huge spot at the Galactic Meet. After the event was over, Earth got a Space Fortress ranked battle cruiser as a reward."

"Now that 9 years have passed, I believe that Earth is potent enough to command the cruiser to quickly join battles. The strongest class of battleship in Thorn Bird is your Eris Ranked Destroyer. Although we have a lot more battleships than Earth, but without such a large ranked battleship still puts us at a disadvantage, and in a battle of assault and fortify we might not be able to win."

"Secondly, although the rumor says that Ke Lake went missing right after the Galactic Meet, we still can't rule out the possibility that it's not Earth's tactic of deception. The Space Fortress ranked battle cruiser and a five-star esper Ke Lake, these are Earth's only two cards in their hand, but they pose a large threat to us."

"Third of all, we sent Duo Ear to raid Earth before, it was a business but it was also our initial assessment of the strength of Earth's power. The result was the complete annihilation of Duo Ear. The espers on Earth are very courageous and united which was beyond our expectation, and they actually killed Duo Ear before the military arrived. In conclusion, I strongly disagree going head to head with the United Government of Earth. Regardless of how weak they are, they are still a country."

Lucas nodded slightly. Actually he didn't like Di Fu's style either. He doesn't play with women, doesn't drink, and doesn't gamble.

Nothing about Di Fu looked like a robber. But he knew, Di Fu's intelligence was essential to Thorn Bird.

“Counsellor, what do you think we should do?” Lucas asked.

“Very simple, hit and run. According to our intelligence, the guy responsible for discovering and conquering the Extinction Domain is called Li Yu, a 4 star ranked esper. As well, there are about 10 to 20 three star espers. They must be the core strength of Earth's Extinction Site Administration. “

Lucas scratched his chin and said, “But our client wants the extinction domain. If we destroy it, our client will be unhappy.”

“That's no problem. There are 4 extinction domains on Earth, 2 D class, 1 C class, and 1 B class. Up until now, Earth has already explored the two D class but they weren't able to provide too much income, but B class is too difficult for Earth at their current state to explore by themselves.”

“So the only obstacle is that soon-to-be-explored C class extinction domain. If we destroy it, then we will have destroyed Earth's hope to get back on its feet. And by the end of next year's Galactic Meet, if Ke Lake really went missing, then our client can take over Earth without using a single soldier.”

“What our client really wants is the B class one, how can they not be happy if we destroyed a C class so they can get a B class? That's why, for us, the fastest and most efficient solution is to destroy the C class extinction domain. “

“We will sent Pan Gongjin on the Reaper class frigate to execute the plan, use an energy field to completely seal the entrance to the extinction domain so that the enemy can’t send any reinforcements. Then let Nan Gongjin lead a troop to rush into the domain, plant the bomb and quickly retreat, completely blowing up the site and all the espers inside!”

“From start to end, we only need 3 minutes to finish the battle, and we can avoid facing their battle cruiser that way too.”

Lucas actually didn’t care about how many of his guys died, but it’s obviously better if the job can be done without any sacrifices.

“Good, then this task will be assigned to Pan Gongjin and those guys to finish. There will be large rewards after that job gets done!”

Chapter 32: The Dangerous Night

Extinction Site Administration, South Pole Base.

The base was shrouded by an intense and anxious atmosphere. Han finally understood why he hadn't seen Li Yu or Wu Di for such a long time. They were actually working hard in the extinction domain. No wonder the training center was always empty, the majority of the espers here were actually on the assault and they were fighting with their lives on the line inside that extinction domain...

As to the progress in extinction domain exploration, Han didn't understand at all.

It seems like exploring extinction domain is quite different from those archeology projects, a high number of espers were stationed inside the domain and it was also extremely dangerous. There were always espers either severely injured or killed getting carried out of the domain, and the medical team was the second busiest department in the base.

Even the janitors at the base became a lot more careful than before. Everyone's walking pace were significantly faster, and no one spoke in a loud voice in public anymore.

Han's circumstances were a bit special, although he was registered as a member of the Esper Administration, he doesn't really have any duties. Li Yu just wanted to return the favor and let Han use the training facilities at the base.

Now, Han already had 983 points in Power Source Index, and he was at the gate of breaking the barrier to becoming a 3 star esper.

At midnight, Han finished writing the index reports like usual, set it as a scheduled post, and went to find Pathless Origin.

“It’s a bit unbelievable, you managed to reach the gate of a 3 star esper in under a month, that speed is a bit insane. I’m starting to worry whether progressing this fast will leave an unstable foundation and other side effects.”

It seemed like he was really satisfied with Han’s speed of progress, maybe even proud. He started talking more and more to Han. In the past, Han always had to be careful and ask only 3 questions, fearing that the odd Pathless Origin will get irritated. But now, even if Han asked him 30 questions in a row, he will still answer one by one.

Han’s fingers were quickly typing on the keyboard, “That shouldn’t happen, right? Every day I put in a lot of effort on those fundamental exercises. I heard from others that normal esper soldiers started to learn higher level fighting techniques when they reach two stars, but I’m still practicing the basics and it seems like we are planning to continue practicing them.”

Pathless Origin was a bit unsatisfied, “Why do you care about what other people do? They started learning higher level martial arts at 2 stars because it usually takes them 1 to 2 years to advance to 2 stars, and you only took a little more than one month, how

could that be the same?”

Han quickly responded, “Teacher don’t get angry, I was just saying it... And for my achievement up to date, I feel like it’s mainly because of your help, otherwise I would be nowhere as close to what I am now. I will soon be pushing for 3 stars, teacher do you have any pointers?”

You had to admit it, Han really knew what to say to change his teacher’s mood, staying very humble and respectful. Han also discovered, Pathless Origin kind of had the temper of a little kid, he got mad easily and frequently, but he quickly forgets about it later.

“With your potential, you are going to reach 3 stars for sure. So, the main objective is still to stabilize your foundation, today you can practice in the -50 degrees Celsius area of the pool. The moment you reach 3 stars, go back to the shore immediately, put on your battle suit and go back into the water.”

“Training in extremely cold water is mainly for exploring potential, and now that you are progressing at such a fast pace, you will occasionally need a break and focus on stabilizing the new energy you gained. Tonight just do what I say and you will be good.”

Han nodded, “Understood, I will go train right away and report back to you when I’m done.”

“Alright, go, remember to use the proper dose of source energy

pill.”

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Han brought his battle gear, including his tritanium dagger, and came to the familiar pound in a delightful mood.

Today’s guard on duty was still blonde haired Charlie and big nose Fo Liman. Every night Han will meet them at the entrance so they have already became friends with each other.

Charlie was a guy that liked to smile. He had a great personality and he always joked about Han not being able to give birth to a son because of staying in the cold water for so long.

Big nose Fo Liman was a serious guy, his eyes were focused on Han the entire time. With Han’s authorized level of access, he shouldn’t be anywhere near the entrance to the extinction domain, and seeing Liman’s expression, it was as if Han will get arrested if he gets one step closer.

Seeing Han coming from far away, Charlie smiled and yelled, “You are on time again, Han. I told you before, my grandpa said...”

Not even waiting for Charlie to finish, Han said, “I know I know, stay in cold water for too long and I won’t be able to have a son. You are a really boring man, everyday making the same joke. I would say, a daughter is pretty good too, when my mom was alive

she always said that a daughter is like a little cotton padded jacket, and she always regretted not giving birth to a little sister for me.”

“Here, here’s some midnight snacks for you two.”

Han smiled as he give a bag full with food to the two guards. Those two couldn’t leave their post, and Han always came at around 3 o’clock in the morning so he brought them food.

Han was about to head to the little path on the side when suddenly, the heavy gate of the extinction domain opened up. Wu Di walked out and saw Han.

“5th Brother, I haven’t seen you in a long time. What’s the situation down there?” Wu Di was the youngest student of Li Yu’s 5 students, so Han called him 5th brother.

Wu Di let out a long sigh, “Heavy sacrifice... But finally we are close to taking control of it.”

Han asked curiously, “I don’t really get what happens in the extinction domain, but I saw that all of our brothers at the base were all very worried and nervous. Also there were many severely injured brothers getting carried out... Thanks for the hard work!”

Wu Di shook his head, “Our brothers even sacrificed their lives for this, so our hardwork is really nothing in comparison to their contribution. You don’t know how important this extinction domain means for Earth. Since we are already at the last stage of

taking control of it, I will just tell you. As long as we can secure this extinction domain, there is hope for Earth!”

“Now, the biggest program for Earth is money. You saw the equipment that Charlie and Fo Liman are wearing? Those are all from the second hand market from space, and the quality is only okay. And that’s our Earth’s Extinction Site Administration department, the other departments’ equipment quality is even worse.”

“The entire Earth army only has one battleship that can travel across the Milky Way, and it was still something that Ke Lake won from the last Galactic Meet. We have around 15,000 esper soldiers, but the majority of them don’t have any weapons or equipment, not even access to training facilities.”

“If we can take down this extinction domain, Earth will have waves and waves of income. We can use the loot from the extinction domain to trade for GC, buy some equipment for our troops. And if we are lucky, we can even buy a few more battleships, now you tell me how much this extinction domain means to us.”

Han was shocked, “It means that Earth can finally be really recognized as a country in the Milky Way, it means that we can finally form a real esper military, it means hope for Earth?!”

Wu Di answered in excitement, “That’s right! That’s why teacher said, even if he has to die in the extinction domain this time, he will make sure that we take this extinction domain. For Earth and the future of us humans on Earth, this is our responsibility. All the

brothers in there have all swore to god, even if it costs them all of their lives, they will still take over this extinction domain today!”

Maybe it’s because it’s almost over, Wu Di’s mood was a lot better, that’s why he chatted for a bit with Han and got Han’s blood boiling!

Although Han don’t know what was really happened in there, but with over a 40% death rate, the assault troop is still in there giving it their all, they are really the true men!

“Can’t talk more, I have to go to the control center. There’s no signal in the domain, and headquarters is still waiting for my report.”

Wu Di patted Han on the shoulder and started walking towards the control center with big, proud steps. However, Han realized Wu Di was walking with a limp, it seemed like his leg was injured.

“Looks like there will be a result tonight, pray to god that nothing goes wrong.” Han was rethinking about what Wu Di just said and he said to himself, “After tonight, I will be a 3 star soldier too, how about I signup to join the assault team and offer my contribution too.”

Chapter 33: Past Three Stars!

Water under 50 degrees Celsius was obviously not something normal people could handle, even espers that enter will soon freeze to death.

And the training that put his life on the line was also what made Han's training so different. Maybe no one else's training method was more unique.

Under Pathless Origin's mentorship, Han placed himself constantly in extreme conditions in order to forcefully activate the zero-degree brain region to fully unleash the power of that unknown predecessor.

Hard work yielded results and due to Han's unique way of training, his level had been increasing at an insane rate, breaking past both 2 star and 3 star within one month. If other people heard about this speed of progression, many will doubt that Han was even a human.

Of course Han was a human, he's just a bit more special.

Everything in this world came with a price, and Han's lightning speed of improvement obviously didn't just fall out of the sky. He traded it with hard work and sweat, constantly walking at the edge between life and death was not something anyone can do.

The cold water domain stimulated Han's physical body and mental state, also triggering his zero-degree brain region to madly

generate source energy.

So, is inheriting someone's power a good thing?

Of course it is, an elite's essence of lifelong training getting absorbed by another person, why would it be bad?

It's just that absorption is easy, but what was difficult was the infusion. The majority of people that acquired their predecessor's power crystal wouldn't be like Han, paying heavy and cruel costs just to increase zero-degree brain region and infusion rate. That's why, they only got the power, whereas Han will actually completely activate everything left behind by his predecessor.

In the negative 50 degrees Celsius pool, for every 10 minutes Han trained, he would get the same results as 10 hours of training done by normal people. After close to an hour, Han felt that his zero-degree region was actually pumping and trembling.

After having the last experience, Han knew that this was the harbinger of breaking through a star level!

The insane training had brought even more insane result! After only a month, Han had already reached three stars!

Hong~

The collision of force was much stronger than when he was breaking past 2 star, and Han almost felt like his body's going to

explode from having too much source energy.

The water inside the pool was roaring and splashing in all directions. With Han's body as the center, a giant vortex appeared inside the pool. Esper soldier 3-star level has been reached!

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Han spent an entire half hour relaxing his body before finally climbing up ashore. He put on his battle suit and picked up his tritanium dagger.

Tremor was a typical melee weapon. It had a sharp edge that also had an intricate curve and the back of the edge was as heavy as an axe. The handle was metal as well in order to increase weight to balance out both ends of the dagger.

Han picked up Tremor, the dagger that he once felt was way too heavy now feels very light and maneuverable. Even as a heavy knife, it can still be used with great dexterity in Han's hand.

As for the battle suit Black Celestial Python, its weight wasn't even one fifth of Tremor, so putting it on felt like Han was still naked. Han tried to stretch his body. It felt quite comfortable with no resistance.

The material that went into the construction will indicate the level of the armor. Black celestial python was recognized as the king of pythons, capable of growing to 25 meters, and with a body

covered by a layer of scales so refined that it didn't even allow air to pass through.

But although the scales were very refined, it had an outstanding tolerance for physical attacks. In fact, the black celestial pythons were known because of this, because their species tolerance for physical attacks were just way too unfair. With that seemingly invincible scale and skin, they often picked fights with opponents even ten times larger than them in size.

However, the Black Celestial Python's weakness was as outstanding as its strength. Although being almost invincible towards normal physical attacks, it was not so great in terms of defending against other powers. Thunder, fire, and ice elements could all do serious damage on black celestial pythons. That's why Pathless Origin kind of despised the Black Celestial Python battle suit and labeled it as 2.5 star.

But for Han it was a completely different story. He could already defend against power attacks, and now he just needed protection against physical attacks, which made the Black Celestial Python a fantastic combination with him.

Han excitedly returned to the pool for practice, and due to the battle suit, the cold water wasn't able to hurt him at all. Han followed Pathless Origin's advice and slowly practiced the 46 Ensemble training, continuing to relax his body and mental state.

"Teacher finally allowed me to use the weapon. For the next step, he's probably going to teach me weapon techniques right?" Han started to wonder.

Training with bare hands was totally different from when you had a weapon. Generally speaking, training with a weapon required greater control of balance, because after all there was another 40 something pounds added to your right hand.

At 6 o'clock in the morning, Han ended his training on schedule and was ready to go back to his room to rest.

Pathless Origin said continuing to push oneself was necessary, but occasional relaxing for a bit was also necessary. After a long one month of extreme training, it was time for Han to loosen up his tight mental state.

Suddenly, just when Han was about to take off his battle suit, a huge sound came from the ground, as if a nuclear bomb was detonated around the base. The water inside the pool started trembling, the stone ceiling and walls began to fall apart.

It was immediately followed by more explosion sounds, but they were far weaker than the first one, sounding like mines or hand grenades.

“Something’s wrong?!” Han was shocked for a second, he immediately grabbed his tritanium dagger Tremor and rushed towards the gate.

Before even reaching there, Han could already hear the sound of fighting and killing.

Shua~

Han accelerated, he jumped out of the side path, and witnessed a fight breaking out at the front of the Extinction Domain's gate. Gold hair Charlie was already lying in a pool of blood lifelessly, and Fo Liman was surrounded by two unknown espers in the corner.

Gengci~

Gengci~

A fireball was fired right into Liman's face, and he had no choice but to raise his arm to block it. At that moment, the other esper on the side took advantage of this and sprinted at Liman, stabbing him twice in the chest.

“NOOOOO!” Han yelled in despair.

But it was already too late, Liman and Charlie, the two loyal guards had already collapsed onto the floor.

At that moment, Han finally saw the enemies clearly: a small-sized fat man and a muscular man, both in black battle suits with a strange bird icon on the back.

One tall and one short, the two espers quickly turned to Han. The strength descent big man led the charge with the short fire descent

esper following behind. It seemed to be their typical combination.

Another raider group from space!

Han's eyes became widely open as if they were about to explode! He had seen that type of battle suit before, it was the same as that fight in Shanghai, the group of enemies that took away 7 lives of Earth's espers.

With eyes filled with red anguish, Han charged right into those two, raising his dagger at the same time as the strength descent raider raised his sword!

“Void End! Open!”

Chapter 34: Han vs. Thorn Bird Raiders

Han charged right at the muscular raider, his eyes turning red!

A cunning smile appeared on the face of the tall and muscular raider. He saw that Han was about to step right into their trap and quickly stepped aside. Immediately the shorty raider suddenly shot two fire balls right at Han.

This was their usual combination, the big guy tried to attract the enemy attention and dodge immediately before the clash to create an opening for the shorty to shoot fireballs. When the fireballs hit, the big guy will then wickedly take advantage and jump onto the enemy and end their life right there.

It was a very logical and efficient tactic which utilized great synergy between range and melee. It was also a trap that enemies could easily fall into if they were not prepared.

But today, they faced Han! The Han that possessed the Void End!

Secretly, the void domain was already summoned. Han didn't even need to dodge the enemy fireballs, and he held on tighter to his Tremor, ready to strike.

Shua~

The fireballs that entered the Void Domain immediately vanished, and the two raiders were completely confused for a

second.

But at that moment, Han had already arrived right in front of the big guy.

The black edge drew a beautiful curve under the quiet night sky, slicing through that big guy's neck.

Gengci~

Killed in one shot!

Han didn't hesitate at all, continuing on closing in the shorty.

When had Shorty run into this kind of strange event, seeing the big guy get his neck cut by Han. He wanted to keep on using his fire power to attack Han. Unfortunately, he lifted his hand, but nothing came out. Han's void domain had completely taken his fire power!

What welcomed him was only Han's icy cold dagger! The edge passed through both of his hands, and sliced his head right open like a watermelon!

Gengci~

Fresh blood mixed with white brain fluid, it splashed up at least 3 meters high!

Double kill!

Han couldn't care less about those two bastard raiders, he anxiously kneeled down beside Charlie. Charlie's signs of life had been weakening drastically, he felt very weak but he struggled and opened his eyes, took a look at Han. The usual smile appeared on his face again, "Hairstyle, is it still fine?"

“Very!” Han quickly responded.

His eyes turned lifeless and he passed away.

Han closed Charlie eyes and felt his eyes tearing up. He lifted up Charlie and wanted to bring both Liman and Charlie to the doctors.

Han only saw Liman putting one hand on his chest, struggled to sit up in his pool of blood, trying to stop Han with his eyes.

“I... can’t make it. Defend this place... Please! Defen...” Without finishing the sentence, Fo Liman collapsed and his breathing stopped.

“AA!!!”

Han let out a painful cry, his eyes were blood red, and blue veins were popping out all over Han's forehead!

Suddenly, Han heard footsteps from the passage ahead, it was the enemy closing in.

Han clenched his teeth and stood up.

“Fuck! We were delayed by a bunch of weak Earth espers. The Ken brothers should have opened up the Extinction Domain portal yet.”

“Those people were stronger than predicted, but that’s okay. We have completely sealed off headquarter so they won’t have any reinforcements coming in. It’s our world now!”

Due to the echo from the passage, Han could clearly hear their conversation. Delayed by a bunch of Earth espers? They were probably the brothers on nightshifts at headquarter. If they were sacrificed too, it was very likely that Han’s the only man left capable of defending the portal.

Headquarters was sealed off, this meant Han won’t be able to wait for any reinforcements, he had to face everything on his own.

About 20 raiders have closed in, the two sides spotted each other at the same time.

Wu Di’s words were still resonating in Han’s ears, today decided the fate of Earth. If the Extinction Domain could be successfully captured, then Earth will have hope in the future!

And Liman's last words, at the final stage of his life, he was still thinking of his duties.

Han doesn't have any big principles to live by or any important responsibilities, but he really loved his home. If that little park where Han and his mother used to fly kites was no longer there, if his friends were no longer there, if those places and people that created the precious memories inside his brain no longer existed, then what was the reason for continuing to live?

Han once thought, with a Galactic Passport, if Earth fell he would just go live on another planet.

But now, he realized. Even if his physical body was to leave this place, his heart and soul will always belong to his land!

Instead of running away like a pussy, he would rather die trying!

He will sacrifice his life, and defend this homeland that he truly loved!

"Tonight, I will protect this place for you guys, I swear on my life!" Han felt blood surging inside his body.

Han held tighter onto Tremor, at this moment he has no other choice. He had to stand here, and stop those raiders at any costs!

Even though he was alone, even though he would probably die alone!

“There’s one more left?”

“I will finish him!”

“Careful, the Ken brothers died to him!”

A black-haired man with a stubble quickly charged out of the crowd. He was very quick, and was able to jump again before his feet even touched the ground. He opened his arms, summoning a dark cold wind.

Wind descent!

Han was shocked for a second, he chose to charge instead of dodging.

Shua~

That man was called Wang Xiaoshan. He was a very powerful fighter in the Thorn Bird gang, a 3 star ranked esper and was also the right-arm man of Pan Gongjin.

Wang Xiaoshan smiled faintly, crossing his arms in front of his chest, forming a weird gesture.

Wind had always been a very cool looking ability, and what Wang Xiaoshan was using was called the Double-edged wind blade, a long range wind attack. The strong wind soared like blades, capable of wiping out an entire army!

It seemed like Han wanted to engage in a melee fight, but Wang obviously wouldn't give him that chance!

Shua~

He swung both arms, the move was as good-looking as always.

But what was strange was, not even mentioning any wind blades, he didn't let out a single fart! After being within 10 meters range of Han, Void Domain had mercilessly robbed away his power!

Just at the moment of shock, Han already arrived in his face, lifting up his Tremor and sliced down as hard as he could!

If Wang immediately stopped relying on his power and fought Han in melee, maybe he would have had a chance.

But humans always have a habitual way of thinking, Wang never knew how powerful Han's power was, and he was still thinking of letting out another wind attack.

He folded his hands and gestured towards Han, still trying to say, "Mad win..."

But before even letting him finish saying the name of his ultimate, Han's Tremor had sliced through Wang's shoulder, removing his entire head and neck from the rest of the body!

"Mad wind your mom!" Han cursed.

Triple kill!

That was Void End, the most brutal power in this world. The moment someone entered the Void Domain, no one's power was useful! Either you fight Han like a caveman with a weapon, or you die!

"Stop!" Pan Gongjin found it very odd, he raised his arms and halted his squad.

Di Fu strongly recommended him to lead this operation not without reason. Pan Gongjin was not only cold-blooded, but very intelligent, he was not like the typical brainless warrior that just jumped right into a fight.

"What happened?"

"How did Xiaoshan die?"

"Where was his wind blade? Where did Xiaoshan's wind blade go?"

The raiders began to worry. They've never seen an enemy as strange and mysterious as Han, it looked like Han took away all of Wang Xiaoshan's abilities.

If he can take away Wang Xiaoshan's then couldn't he take all of theirs? With his back to the Extinction Domain, Han raised his head. He held a blade in his hand, a black dagger.

The body of the blade was as black as the night, fresh blood was dripping nonstop from the tip of the sword. The enemy's blood. At this moment, he was on his own. He had no other choice.

Chapter 35: Penta Kill!

Pan Gongjin had a pair of cunning eyes. It was only for a brief moment and he already figured out a plan.

“You and you. You two go kill them.” Pan Gongjin ordered emotionlessly.

The team led by Pan Gongjin were all 3-star fighters, the rest were defending the outside. Among the assault team, the two strongest espers were the Ground Descent Ze Nite and the Wind Descent Wang Xiaoshan. Seeing how Han killed Wang Xiaoshan in one shot, Pan had no choice but to be cautious.

The two fighters he sent were two of his weakest followers. Pan was planning to send them as sacrifices to gain more reveal Han’s fighting style and power.

The two fighters knew what their cruel leader was planning, but they had no choice but to man up and charge at Han.

Pan’s caution was usually an advantage, but it was the largest mistake he would make today.

Han could triple kill the enemy because he relied on nothing but two things. First, he was the unique mystery descent Void End user, capable of robbing anyone’s ability. Second, he had the balls to fight on the verge of life and death!

Against someone as hell-bent as Han, the most effective method was to all attack at the same time. As the saying goes, two fists are tough against 4 hands, Han couldn't possibly take so many at the same time in a melee match.

But Pan Gongjin was too cautious, when being pressured by time, he actually chose to gather intelligence on Han first, giving up the best opportunity to kill Han.

Shua~

The two 3-star raiders charged towards Han, they were both power descent espers. Although they didn't have fancy powers, they have a lot more strength than others and they tend to focus on doing their physical training. Their muscles weren't something Han could ignore. That's why it was actually tougher for Han to go up against two power descent espers than the other raiders he had faced before.

But, there was another fate-deciding factor on the battle field, and that's the sheer force of character.

From the moment Han became an esper, he was always learning with the most extreme training and battle methods, even when he's spectating fights he watched the Broadcast of Death that only aired bloody brawls to the death.

That's why, Han's will power far exceeded his control for techniques. He was using the most basic techniques but he fought without worrying about death!

You give me a cut, I will give you 3 cuts in return!

But the thing those two espers lacked was the sheer force of character. The moment they entered Han's Void Domain, they suddenly felt as if their power was taken away, so they lost the mental battle right off the bat. Then, after getting chased by Han who was swinging his dagger like a mad man, the two matured esper raiders were completely suppressed by Han on the battlefield! They were too busy defending against Han's attacks and couldn't find any opening to attack.

Han knew very clearly, he took advantage of Void End's power. Anyone that enters his domain will feel weakened at first, and he needed to finish them off completely before they could ever had a chance to adjust.

But one against two, it was already hard for Han to be the winning one, how could he finish the battle quickly?

There was no other way, you need to trade it with your life!

“Martial Art users are practicing techniques with their lives on the line! Fight to kill! Hit every punch! Trade eye for eye! Only surrender in death!”

Han suddenly remembered what Pathless origin had told him in the past!

Shua~

The black edge suddenly came slashing down, Han started trading blows with the enemy, it seems like he doesn't care at all about the enemy's edge ending up on his body.

What's called hell-bent?

You can give me a slash, but my next slash will kill you!

The enemy was completely lost against his attacks, Han didn't block nor dodge but chose to slash right back?! Is this guy insane?!

Han was completely committed, but the enemy couldn't do the same. He nervously tried to flee to the side to dodge, but his speed was not as fast as Han's edge. His blade landed on Han's shoulder and left a bloody cut, but Han's tremor landed on his neck! It ripped him apart!

Tonight's Quadra kill!

Injured Han turned around and his eyes were set on the other raider. He used the same method, without even bothering to dodge, Han began to fight him with his life!

Kacha~

The enemy saw how insane and fearless Han was and also how

his teammate got ripped apart. Seeing Han turned the target to him, he was so lost in fear that he turned around immediately trying to run.

Gengci~

Han slashed opened that guy's back!

Fifth kill!

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New York, Headquarter of the Earth Esper Administration

A big screen was broadcasting the situation at South Pole live, only to see a Reaper Class frigate pierced headfirst into the center of the base, activating its energy shield and using it to completely separate the center of the base from its surroundings.

That's the tactic the space raiders used, isolating the center so that none of the surrounding espers that were resting could attend the battlefield.

In the display, the esper soldiers at the Extinction Site Administration were trying very hard to attack the energy shield. Unfortunately, the Reaper class was a medium sized frigate. How could a bunch of average espers rip open its shield with only their bare hands.

A heavy weapon was needed to destroy the energy shield generated by a medium sized frigate, but the South Pole base was an exploration site, not a military base so it was not equipped with any heavy weapons.

Another large screen was playing Han's battle, the quality was a bit blurry but people could still see Han and how he was defending the base on his own.

The Reaper class frigate could cloak and it was equipped with powerful defenses, but signal disturbance was its weakness. Although separated by an energy shield, headquarters could still acquire real-time signal and information from the South Pole base.

When Han finished off the fifth enemy in one swing, everyone watching at the headquarters in New York was speechless.

It was a result that no one predicted. It wasn't because there was no elite espers in the Extinction Site Administration base, since Li Yu's army was probably one of the strongest on Earth, but unfortunately they were all stuck inside the Extinction Domain, leaving Han on his own outside.

Although it was only Han, but his hell-bent and fearless character was able to fend off the enemies!

“That was beautiful!”

“Who is that guy?!”

“According to our record, he’s the Han Lang that was brought in last month by exception. He’s from the Asia district, possessor of the powerful dark descent Void End ability.”

“That can’t be right?! One month ago he was just a beginner, now he’s 3-star?!”

When Han’s personal file was found, people saw a steady line that was going through the roof. This was Han’s Power Source Index progression graph.

His number was like a rocket soaring towards the sky, showing no sign of slowing down!

Chief of the New York headquarter, Talin, was also very excited from seeing Han’s courageous performance, but he was very clear that it would be impossible for Han to defend against the raiders by himself.

“How long till our Air Fortress arrives at the South Pole?!” Talin yelled.

“At least 3 minutes.”

“That’s too slow! The enemies chose to attack us at this time, they most likely want to destroy the Extinction Site. Command Air Fortress to advance at full speed!”

“Chief, they already are! Our brothers on the ship are also very anxious!”

Talin didn't say anything. 3 minutes? It's still unclear whether little Han could hold out for the crucial 3 minutes. If he loses, then it means that the entire Earth will have lost!

The lady of destiny showed its merciless face, putting the fate of the entire Earth on some unknown boy. Can he defend against these brutal raiders?

Suddenly, someone at the control center yelled, “FUCK! The raiders are storming Han!”

Chapter 36: I Still Got A Bunch Of Tough Bones!

After all, Pan Gongjin was an experienced fighter. From the last fight, he completely understood Han's power and his style.

In conclusion, Han's power was most likely a unique power that could grant him immunity towards other powers. Another possibility might also be that it was some mind-controlling power that restricted enemies from using their abilities.

But regardless of what power Han had, he needed to get into melee range in order to kill, and that was his only method of combat.

A merciless smile surfaced on his face, Pan yelled, "This guy isn't scary at all. Everyone follow me and storm him at once! Let's finish him!"

Right after the sentence, the 11 raiders that were still alive followed Pan Gongjin and charged at Han.

One against 11 enemies, which also included a 4-star esper. This was clearly a hopeless fight.

But, Han had no other options, if he retreated then he would be at the Extinction Domain entrance, where Li Yu and his brothers were fighting with their lives on the line! If Han couldn't hold off the enemies at this spot, not only would he die, but everything Li

Yu and the brothers had been fighting for would be in vain, and Earth would lose its last hope!

It didn't matter how small and weak Earth was, it's still my home!

Han suddenly thought of the last words that Pang Zuolin yelled before he sacrificed himself, he felt a stream of hot blood coursing through his veins!

Earth wasn't just Pang Zuolin's beloved home, it was also Han's, and every brother and sister on Earth!

Han was born here and grew up here, this beautiful blue star had left Han with memories that he wouldn't ever be able to discard. Even if it meant death, he still didn't want to see the home he grew up in lose all hope and see his brothers and sisters become either homeless or slaves.

They charged! That group of ruthless raiders charged at Han, pairs and pairs of evil and malicious eyes, weapons reflecting cold and merciless light.

Suddenly, Han raised his left arm, his expressions began radiating a feeling of darkness!

If there's no other way out, then let's all die here!

Ka~

The combat medicine box was opened, entirely opened! All the drugs stored inside the box were swallowed in one mouth full by Han!

Source energy pill, 67 doses!

Nuclear energy, 10 doses!

Sensory enhancement pill, 10 doses!

Shockwave, 10 doses!

Zero degree relaxation, still 10 doses!

The people that saw that scene at headquarters started shedding tears!

That was a big hand full of drugs, all of those combined far exceeded the tolerance level for a normal human, and Han would be dead for sure!

The people at Headquarter thought that those were just normal pill manufactured on Earth, but little did they know, the handful that Han swallowed were all illegal drugs from the dark net! It would be poisonous enough to kill a normal human more than 100 times!

But, even if it would cost his life, Han wasn't planning to back away from the fight even one step!

Han's eyes suddenly changed color entirely, turning into a crimson shade of red!

The large doses of illegal drug quickly circulated to his entire body. The source energy was originally flowing like a little stream inside Han's body, but within one second, that little stream had become like the rushing tides of an ocean, surging into every cell inside Han's body!

AHHHHHHH!

Han let out an angry battle cry, and started charging towards the group of raiders! His hair was all standing up and his face was twisted like a demon from hell!

Illegal drugs in more than ten or twenty doses really had an insane effect!

When slashes landed on Han's body, he couldn't feel a thing and quickly counterattacked!

He was already surrounded by too many enemies, but Han discarded the feeling of fear, and the killing became more fun and free!

“Martial Art users are practicing techniques with their lives on

the line! Fight to kill! Hit every punch! Trade eye for eye! Only surrender in death!”

Han really understood the meaning of all those words!

Within a blink of eye, Han’s body had taken 7 or 8 cuts, but the group of raiders also lost 2 fighters!

And as for the raiders, they were disgusted, completely disgusted!

The moment they came close to Han, it was like as if they saw a demon or something and became completely powerless!

Their only option was to trade blows with Han!

For espers that never imagined a day where they could only use weapons like ordinary people, they dedicated their entire lives on mastering their power and left physical strength aside.

Unfortunately, Han’s Void End was that unreasonable!

Capable of nullifying all power!

Want to kill Han?

Ya sure! You just have to show what you are really capable of doing it without your power!

In Han's world, it didn't matter how fancy the power, they were all useless! The only things that mattered was who was more merciless and lethal, whose strategies were more subtle and whose combat consciousness was more insane!

Talking about consciousness, it had to be said that Han's sensory skills in combat was excellent. He noticed a guy among the enemy group that was a bit different from the others, carrying a big military backpack. When Pan Gongjin commanded everyone to storm, he was the only one that didn't join in but took two steps back instead.

Something was definitely fishy!

Han seemed like he was aimlessly fighting and trading blows with the enemies, but he had a clear goal!

His goal was to get to that guy with the backpack!

After killing two enemies and taking 7 hits, he forced open a bloody trail in the enemy crowd! He suddenly rushed to his target, raised his tremor up high and struck down with brutal force!

Kacha~

As the enemy tried to dodge, Han cut the string of the backpack and took the heavy green military backpack into his arms, and gesturing immediately to slice it open!

At that moment all the raiders went crazy!

Inside the bag was nothing short of a small ion tremor bomb! They planned to place it inside the Extinction Domain and destroy Earth's hope with it!

Ion tremor bombs were extremely powerful but very unstable as well. If Han actually tried to cut the bomb then it was very possible that everyone will die!

Although Han fought like a madman, he wasn't stupid.

He saw the fear and nervousness inside the enemy's eyes, so he only slashed hard enough to cut open the bag and show the grey spherical bomb.

He grabbed the bomb in his arms and took a few steps back.

Now it was time for the enemies to be nervous, they all looked at Pan Gongjin asking about what they should do.

The people at headquarter saw the scene, they were in complete shock and couldn't believe their eyes!

By himself, facing a group of ruthless raiders, Han not only killed 8, but also took control of the situation?!

Looked like the raiders were actually scared to make any moves, fearing that someone insane like Han would actually set off the bomb.

Now, Han's only thought was to keep the enemies away from the entrance to the Extinction Domain and try his best to get Li Yu more time. So, he led the raiders to where he trained, that pool of freezing cold water where he's most familiar with.

Time was passing by second by second, and Pan Gongjin knew that they were running out of time. Earth had an air fortress class frigate, it was an extremely powerful battleship and if that thing were to cut them off then they were done.

By now, Han already retreated to the edge of the pool, the drugs were rolling in his body like tens of thousands of sharp daggers, stinging his organs and muscles, and it felt even worse than death.

But Han was still holding on, because he knew, that was his only option if he wanted Earth to keep its last hope!

"Little brat!' Pan Gongjin finally broke the silence and yelled, "I will give you two options, either you give me that thing and I will let you live, or we will attack you all at once and kill you!"

Han's face already became pale white, and he started laughing like a madman and yelled, "Let me live? What kind of joke is that? I don't have anything else, but I still got a bunch of tough bones! I will die, but you mother****ers don't think of living either!"

Hong~

Pan Gongjin felt a sudden dizziness from getting too angry and embarrassed.

He brought his best subordinates and he couldn't chew the tough bone Han!

“Retreat!” Time's up, that fearful air fortress was about to arrive, and there was nothing they could do about Han, so someone cautious like Pan Gongjin chose to retreat.

Retreating back to Thorn Bird would be impossible. Screwing this up means that Lucas won't let him live, Pan Gongjin's only option would be going to another raider group.

The raiders heard Pan's command to retreat and felt a sudden feeling of relief.

No one wanted to continue playing with someone as insane as Han, this fight was disgusting since the beginning.

Suddenly, just when they were about to retreat back to their ship, an aged voice loud enough to tremor the ground sounded.

“NONE OF YOU ARE LEAVING TODAY!”

Completely swallowed by the drugs, Han focused his eyes and

saw Li Yu, they were out! The strongest army on Earth, the army that was executing the hardest job on Earth! They finally came out of the Extinction Domain with victory!

That moment, Han had reached the end of his tether. He was able to stand for this long in front of so many enemies and not back off from the fight, he relied solely on his undying battle will, and the drugs that far exceeded normal dosage.

Now, those illegal drugs have begun devouring Han's body. He finally lost consciousness, and fell.

He fell into the cold body of water, one hand with the bomb, one hand holding the dagger, that black dagger that was still dripping blood.

At headquarter, everyone started crying.

Han's last words were still lingering in everyone's ears, not going away...

"I don't have anything else, but I still got a bunch of tough bones!"

Chapter 37: Galactic Chess Of Chaos

At last, Han collapsed. He fell down into the -170 degrees Celsius pool, his body was covered in wounds, which quickly froze in the presence of the extremely cold water.

In fact, under such a temperature, the wounds were not the only things freezing. The cold had shut down every cell inside Han's body.

When Han lost his consciousness and gave up resisting, there was still one thing struggling inside his body, and that was Han's zero-degree brain region. Under the stimulation of the extremely cold water, his zero-degree brain region was shining with a strange light, blinking on and off, like some emergency signal.

After undergoing the extreme training, Han's zero-degree brain region had adopted a habit: whenever the extreme cold pushed Han towards death, it would release abnormally large amounts of source energy to ensure Han's survival.

Pathless Origin's extreme training method forced the fusion between Han and his inherited zero-degree brain region, not only was the potential of the power crystal fully revealed, the power and his body synced perfectly.

This time, the zero-degree brain region still didn't want to give up, it was struggling. However, Han already went unconscious due to fatal injuries and drug dosage.

And this time, without the support of Han's body, that brain region couldn't go on by itself. After struggling for around 20 seconds, the light started to dim, eventually going out, and leaving Han's brain in total darkness.

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On a mysterious planet in Milky Way, in a castle constructed in the forest, lived a strange old man.

People sometimes saw him in long black dust coat lost in thought inside his backyard full with fallen leaves, with a cold, expressionless face. He never opened his mouth to talk.

The old man didn't have any kids, he lived in the dark castle by himself. The nearby villagers started gossiping that this old man was the incarnation of devil so they never allowed their children to go close to that castle deep in the forest.

This strange old man was Pathless Origin, the man that led Han to the most extreme path of training and combat. His clothes were always black; Black coat, black shirt, black boots, black hat.

Pathless Origin had a pair of very sharp ears that seemed to be capable of sensing and seeing through everything, but today he was trapped in confusion, because Han hadn't asked him any questions for many days already.

He always thought Han was just some little brat that bothered

him every day asking random stuff, which was very annoying. But now that Han stopped, he realized that his life had become much less interesting.

Go back to selling on the dark net?

Don't joke anymore, Pathless Origin's website didn't sell more than a few items every year. Due to his odd and impatient temper, his only customers were introduced to him by Night Walker, and most of them got so verbally abused by him that they never showed up anymore.

Han was his only loyal customer. Although he almost never bought anything, he always asked basic and funny questions. After time passed, answering a few of Han's questions and scolding him a few times had become an essential dose of fun every day for Pathless Origin. Now that Han had disappeared for a few days, Pathless Origin actually couldn't really adapt.

Di, di, di~

Finally an email! Pathless Origin clicked it open and frowned, it was just Night Walker wanting to play chess with him.

“This little black ****!”

Pathless Origin cursed. He went to an old but very exquisite virtual pod in the corner of his room and laid down.

Shua~

A few seconds later, Pathless Origin and Night Walker met in the virtual world. Night Walker looked like a dork no matter how you saw him, in his gold framed glasses sitting under a big tree. Under the tree was a white chess board carved out of granite, it was quite big and looked really complicated.

This was the Galactic Chess of Chaos, a very ancient but challenging chess. The legend said that the universe at birth was just a giant ball of chaos, incapable of separating black and white, or by planets. The way to play was not put pieces onto the board, but to take them off. Whoever controlled a larger portion of the galaxy wins.

The younger generations barely touched this type of chess anymore simply because there were much more fun things to do out there, leaving only these nostalgic old people to still play this kind of long and dry game for fun.

Pathless Origin sat down in front of Night Walker and mumbled, “That brat couldn’t be dead right? Before, he always annoyed me with questions on a daily basis, but now he has disappeared for many days already...”

Night Walker slowly took away a piece, and answered, “Oh, you are talking about Han. His drug index isn’t updating anymore too, and the people on the forum were pretty angry. He’s going to lose a big chunk of his clients this time.”

Pathless Origin gave Night Walker a white eye, “Old Black, sometimes I really don’t get you. Why would you associate yourself with those ignorant retards, and try to coax a bunch of children in that stupid forum? Is it fun?”

Night Walker shrugged his shoulders, “Of course, although the younger generations are a bit short-tempered, but they are ambitious. And now I’m someone with wife and kids, and when my daughter gets married, I will have grandchildren, and great grandchildren. So, of course it’s necessary for me to stay in touch with what the younger generations are up to these days right? And also to make some money to feed the family.”

“Money?” Pathless Origin looked at Night Walker in a strange way, it seems like he really despises money, “Old Black needs to make money? That’s the biggest joke I’ve ever heard.”

Night Walker very sincerely nodded, “Ya man, last month I made about 2 million GC, and I was so happy that I accidentally agreed my daughter to give her a big house when she gets married, and I’ve been deeply regretting it ever since.”

“So, that’s why I need to work harder and make more money. There’s also my wife, she wants a big ring with a big cobalt ultramarine galactic diamond on it. I accidentally agreed too... That thing costs at least 5 or 6 million GC, and now I’m still sad about it.”

“I’m saying, do you really plan on hiding in dark net forever?” Pathless Origin asked in curiosity.

Night Walker answered plainly, “If we can’t fight it then of course we have to hide. And if we are going to hide then we have to be good at hiding. You, you named your website Origin of the Ten Thousand Paths, and your name is Pathless Origin, that’s called hiding? That’s you showcasing your ass online.”

“Mind your own business!” Pathless Origin scolded back in a rude voice.

Night Walker smiled a bit, “But as I was saying, I don’t care about what you do on the dark net, but if you do something too out of line and cause our identity to get exposed, then I’m going to care, a lot.”

“Let me ask you, what did you really teach Han?”

Pathless Origin lowered his head to avoid eye contact, and mumbled, “Teach him? Am I bored out of my mind? I don’t find a genius to teach, but find someone insanely stupid among the trillions of people and teach him? Am I retarded?”

Night Walker laughed and pointed his finger at him, “You are such an unreasonable old man, your whole life you’ve been getting the worst of it because of your mouth. Take a look at this.”

He gently swiped his finger across the thin air and dragged out a display, in screen it was playing that fight between Han and the raiders. He not only completed 8 kills, but ultimately robbing the bomb and forced the raiders to retreat.

That fight is the true definition of heroic and exciting, Han charging fearlessly into a group of strong enemies as if it's nothing.

Especially that moment when Han yelled, "I don't have anything else, but I still got a bunch of tough bones!" No one's blood was not boiling and calm after watching that scene.

Then it was the scene of Han falling into the water, his body becoming a block of ice, and that was the end of the clip.

Night Walker pointed at that block of Ice, "Look at him yourself, that body of demonic spirit, he's almost a monster now, and you said you didn't teach him?"

Pathless Origin was silent like usual, but he let out a slight sigh, his two fingers that were holding of a piece of chess shivered for a few times, "So, is Han really dead?"

Chapter 38: Monsters

“So Han’s really dead?” Pathless Origin tried to ask while hiding his emotions.

Night Walker hesitated for a second, and lightly shook his head, “Nope, he just went into a coma that’s all. I noticed that Han’s index number wasn’t updating for a few days, so I went onto the web servers on Earth, where Han lives, and did a bit of research. As a result, I came across this video about Han that went viral, it seemed like everyone on Earth sees Han as a hero now.”

“That video’s content was very short, it wasn’t everything you just saw. That’s because I found a famous hacker on the dark net and paid him to hack into Earth’s United Government’s Esper Administration. That video you just saw was what we got.”

But suddenly, a strong light came across Night Walker’s eyes, “Pathless, seems like age didn’t set your skills back that much. Han didn’t know you for more than a month and, not mentioning other things, Han’s sheer force of character already resembles you quite a bit.”

Hearing that Han was still alive, Pathless finally let out a long sigh and a bitter smile, “I’m not going to lie, I really got old. Just moments ago when I thought Han was dead, I was actually really disappointed and sorry.”

Pathless continued, “But actually, Han was able to achieve this height was not all because of me. I just taught him how to be a true

warrior, and also taught him effective ways to practice for combat as someone who had power immunity, and that was all. Today's results was more due to his hardworking character."

Night Walker laughed, "You really think Han's power is Power Immunity?"

Pathless waved his hand, "Of course not, if I can't even notice that then I might as well run into a wall and die. Let me show you something."

Quickly, Pathless pulled out a large graph, and which was Han's power source index's progression scale. Although verbally he said that he couldn't care less about Han, but behind the curtains he took the time and carefully summarized all of Han's progression data into graphs. Below the graphs were a lot of notes Pathless made, it was obvious how much he valued Han.

Night saw the graph and was shocked, "Such a steep slope?"

Pathless nodded, "I've never seen it before too. Without a question, he inherited a super soldier's power crystal. Now that I come to think about it, Han took so much drugs, why was he still able to escape death and survive? You are the expert in this realm you should know."

Night lost in thought for a brief moment, "To be honest, Han's survival actually troubled me for a few days as well. It shouldn't be. An overdose of illegal drugs in one mouthful, not just some 3-star esper like Han, even you might be half ruined."

“The reason I invited you to meet today was also for solving this mystery. Coming with the training method you taught Han, maybe it can be explained why he was able to escape from death.”

Pathless laughed and said, “Old black, Old black, you told me to stay quiet on the dark net, but aren’t you the same as me? The moment there’s some challenging problem about drugs, you get excited.”

Then, Pathless quickly changed his tone a voice and answered seriously, “What I taught Han was the Extremity Oppression Method, risking one’s life to force out the power crystal’s potential during early stages. I forced Han to train in cold water. Rather than calling this training his body and skills, it is more suitable to be described as training his life.”

“Since I never inherited anyone’s power, I never actually put this method into practice before, Han was the first one. Forcefully activating the full potential of the power crystal, I actually didn’t know what would happen too.”

Night Walker continued Pathless’ chain of thought, “So what you are saying is, maybe it was because Han’s power crystal was too powerful, it protected Han at the most crucial moment and forced Han into a self-defence mode. Kind of like the electric fuse box tripping when the current is too high.”

“And because Han was always practicing in the freezing water, every time he entered the cold water would simulate his zero-

degree region to a high degree. And when he fell down into the freezing water, the result that occurred was the unexplained coma situation.”

“Oh right, there’s also something else that’s interesting. Han’s not really a power immunity esper, do you know what his real power is?”

Pathless thought for a bit, “Don’t laugh at me, but I feel like his power is Void End. Of course, I know it’s impossible because the only one in this world that has that power is Ye Shuihan. It’s impossible that Han got Void End because that would be too much of a coincidence.”

Suddenly, before Pathless even finished, a crafty smile appeared on Night Walker’s face.

“What are you laughing at?”

“It’s really Void End?”

“Han actually inherited that monster’s power?!” Pathless questioned in excitement.

Night Walker nodded slightly, “It’s really Void End. When I saw the data I was shocked too. Couldn’t believe that after that old monster Ye Shuihan comes a little monster Han. Looks like the Milky Way won’t be at rest with the birth of Han.”

“Holy shit! It’s really Void End?!” Pathless slapped his leg loudly and yelled, “When I first saw Ye Shuihan I was so disgusted that I was going to puke. I couldn’t use any power, not even a single skill. I felt like a complete moron at that time!”

“At that moment I thought, I never want to meet that guy again, ever. That monster, it’s not enough that he doesn’t have any fancy powers, but he doesn’t let anyone else have any too! What kind of unreasonable power is that? I can’t believe Han actually inherited that monster’s Void End.”

“Oh that doesn’t even end there. After inheriting that monster Ye Shuihan’s power, he also got trained by a monster like you, Han’s like a monster among the monsters now.” Night Walker laughed and said, “I named myself Night Walker out of my respect for Ye Shuihan (TL: Ye Shuihan directly translates to Night Water Cold). The moment he enters the battle, all of you guys became idiots, oh boy, it’s funny every time I think of it. The days with Ye Shuihan was actually pretty fun, countless of elites were trolled hard by him.”

Pathless curled his lips, Night Walker opening up his old scars made him kind of depressed and speechless, but he had to admit it, Ye Shuihan was really a troublesome guy back in the days, and almost all espers hated him.

Night Walker once again took off a piece from the chess board. Both of them had a very unique style of playing chess, Pathless’ style was cruel and merciless, but Night Walker was always able to calmly resolve any dangerous situations with a few moves.

“I’m thinking, Han already inherited that monster Ye Shuihan’s power, and also got trained by a monster like you, I might as well do something too.” Night Walker said.

Pathless was shocked for quite a bit, “Old Black, you are finally going to do something now?”

Night Walker nodded slightly, “We will see. Han’s current comatose state is a challenging question I’ve never encountered. I want to try to solve it.”

“Also, you tested a training method on Han that you never tested before, how come I can’t test a drug on him that I’ve never made before on him? It’s only fair that way.”

Pathless shrugged his shoulder, and said helplessly, “Fine, Han’s the lab rat. Ye Shuihan’s power, my training, your poisonous monster’s medicines, if all three of us monsters all use force on his, I have a feeling, if Han can wake up from this, his life is going to be really tough.”

Night Walker smiled slightly, “Then that’s settled, tomorrow I will ship some special medicine for him. If he can wake up, then he will continue to train under you, you monster.”

“Oh by the way, do you think that our other monster is interested in giving Han a hand?”

Pathless Origin quickly waved his hand, “You want to involve

him too? What do you want Han to turn into? A real monster?”

Chapter 39: Golden Injections

New York, Esper Administration Central Hospital.

Han still laid unconscious on his bed, his room was filled with flowers. The majority were sent from his colleagues at the Extinction Administration, and some were from his Friends from the China division, like Cheng Zhong, Li Qi, the Monk, Li Muyun, Chu Li, etc.

Overnight, Han had become a hero. It was unclear who but someone uploaded that video of Han fighting off an entire group of raiders on his own, and it soon went viral globally.

At first, there was that Bronze Bull Warrior Peng Zuolin and his last words, “Doesn’t matter how weak Earth is, it’s still my home!” It was known to everyone on Earth, motivating countless espers on Earth.

Now there’s Han, shouting out another war cry that made everyone’s blood boil.

“I don’t have anything else, but I still got a bunch of tough bones!”

The name Tough Bone Han spread like wildfire and everyone sincerely prayed for Han. Outside of the hospital, every day there were people coming to send flowers. They couldn’t get into the highly classified hospital, so they just left the beautiful flowers neatly placed at the front yard, which became a beautiful sight.

Li Yu and Wu Di arrived to visit Han again.

To Han, Li Yu was full with appreciation. He smiled bitterly, “At first, I just wanted to find a good place for him to train, so I brought him in by exception. Now that I think about it, I actually took advantage of Han instead. If it wasn’t for him that day, then the Extinction Site would be long destroyed by the raiders, even we would be dead too.”

“I really hope that he wakes up soon, Earth really need talented espers like Han.”

Wu Di said in great grief, “He defended the gate to the Extinction Domain with his life and protected Earth’s last hope, but he didn’t even get a chance to look at the Domain once. God is so unfair, giving someone so talented such bitter ending.”

Li Yu’s feeling towards Han’s level progression was both excited but also suspicious. In just one month, Han climbed from a beginner all the way to a 3-star rank. This speed of improvement, can’t say that it can’t be surpassed but at least there weren’t any who can claim they can mimic it.

Now, no one even compared Han with that legendary Ke Lake, because Han’s potential has far exceeded Ke Lake’s!

Wu Di’s hidden communicator sounded, Wu Di had a brief conversation and turned to Li Yu, “Teacher, there’s a delivery for Han, it’s from a foreign planet.”

Li Yu was shocked for a bit, “Han did mention that he had a very powerful friend from space, and that miraculous zero-degree brain region revitalizer was from that friend. Hurry, let them bring in the package.

Very quickly, a security guard from the gate delivered the bag to Han’s room. The bag didn’t have any caption saying where it came from, nor was there a name of the sender. But judging by the shipping company and the packaging, it’s obviously a delivery from outer space.

Li Yu thought about it, “Maybe Han’s mysterious friend knows that he’s in a coma. That’s why he sent this package. But how did he know to send it to the hospital address instead of Han’s house?”

Wu Di frowned and asked, “Teacher, should we open it for Han and check?”

Li Yu considered for a brief moment and decided to open the package. It was their only chance, because with the medical skills and equipment on Earth it wasn’t even clear why he’s in a coma, not to mentioning curing it. Li Yu knew that Han had a friend in the medical field from outer space, and in his eyes this package could very likely be the last hope. The important thing right now was waking Han from the dead.

He quickly opened the package only to see a very refined alloy safe box, it looked really high-end, and after opening it, they saw that the inside was filled with cold air, containing 12 automatic

injectors and a set of instructions.

Li Yu carefully read the instructions. It seemed like those automatic injectors were really medicine to cure Han. The sender of the package didn't state his name but only said that he's Han's friend, knew that Han's in trouble and that he prepared a special course of medical treatment for Han.

About whether the special medicine could cure Han, this mysterious person didn't make any promises. According to him, this injections meant hope, and without them there won't be any hope for Han to wake up.

Li Yu thought about it for a long time, decided to first test the drug ingredients, and use it on Han when he made sure it's safe. After all, Han's already in this kind of condition, Li Yu couldn't let go of any hope.

So, Li Yu found the most experienced doctor, the head of the hospital, Qiu Taibo. He told Taibo everything, and Taibo immediately agreed to drop everything he was doing, use Earth's most advanced and only lab that was fully equipped with outer space technology to analyze the mysterious golden fluids inside the injectors.

The lab had a glass wall facing the hall, and Li Yu was staring nervously from the other side. The investigation continued from afternoon all the way until midnight. Qiu Taibo and a few of his assistants walked out of the lab in confusion, took off their lab protection clothing, and wiped off the sweat off their forehead with the back of their hands.

“What’s the result?” Li Yu asked anxiously.

Qiu Taibo responded slowly, his eyes full with surprise, “Too miraculous, these medicines are truly miraculous. The degree of activity of the molecules is unimaginably queer, we used all the equipment in this lab and still couldn’t gain any understanding on this medicine.”

Li Yu was shocked, “Chief Qiu, you are someone that was sent by United Government to an extremely developed planet to learn medicine, not even you can figure it out?”

“Not just me. My teacher when I was out there studying, is Kelun Republic’s top 10 specialists in pharmacology. I sent him the data we took, and not even he could figure out what’s going on.”

Li Yu thought about it, “That means this medicine is actually really high level?

Qiu Taibo said in a deeper voice, “Very high. My teacher said, this medicine’s molecules are very active, even if you leave it for 10 thousand years it wouldn’t degrade at all. The combination of different materials is highly precise, not even the most advanced machine can reach this level of precision. And as for the components of the medicine, it is totally unknown. It probably used some hidden pharmacology technology.”

Li Yu was really confused now, “That means, the friend that sent this medicine is actually a grand master in medicine?”

Qiu Taibo look around to check that there's no one else, and lowered his voice, "My teacher said, unless it is one of the top 20 grand medicine masters in Milky Way, no one else would be able to reach this level of precision. It was prepared completely by hand, and that master's strength is beyond measure.

Gudu~ (Sound of swallowing saliva)

Li Yu swallowed a heavy load of saliva, he thought that grandmasters in medicine was already the top existence, but who would've thought, Han's friend was actually the present medicine god?! And he's ranked within the top 20 in the entire Milky Way?!

After a long time, Li Yu finally withdrew his surprised expression, and he said in a deep voice, "We must keep this confidential."

Qiu Taibo nodded, "That goes without saying. My teacher told me numerous times too. Attempting to reverse engineer the receipt of a medicine god, if that existence finds out about it, then I would be truly screwed."

Li Yu still couldn't wrap what he just learned around his head as he returned to Han's room. He realized that the longer he knew Han the less he knew about him. A teenager that was able to jump to 3-star in a month, an existence that convinced the present medicine god to prepare treatment for, the Han Lang that is currently lying lifeless on the bed, he was definitely a monster!

Wu Di asked quietly, “Teacher, should we use the medicine?”

Li Yu hesitated, bit his teeth and said, “Of course, a grandmaster in medicine sent this from outer space, maybe Han can really return from the dead like a miracle.”

Wu Di nodded as he carefully carried the alloy box over. If Li Yu didn’t know how high-level this medicine was then it would’ve been fine. But now that he knew about the complexity and value of these injections, his hands started to shiver.

Rolling up Han’s sleeves and sterilizing with an alcohol rub, Li Yu ultimately made up his mind, and pushed the injector into Han’s vein.

Even the injector is so high-tech, the whole process was automatic. There was a chip inside the injector that checked Han’s heartbeat and blood pressure level to monitor his reaction towards the injected medicine, then adjusted the injection speed accordingly. After the injection, it self-destructed and erased any leftover content of the medicine.

Shua~

The golden fluid was injected into Han’s body, it quickly spread throughout Han’s body. Han’s skin slowly turned ruby red, with strange white steam coming out.

Chapter 40: Half Of The Heart Of Darkness

In the Virtual World.

Pathless and Night met again, still playing that Galactic Chess while talking about Han.

“Old Black, judging by the time, Han should be doing his last injection now right. What did you give him? Will it wake him up from the enclosed state that his zero-degree brain region is in?” Pathless Origin asked curiously.

Night Walker pushed up his golden framed glasses and responded mysteriously, “I don’t know about waking up or not, but I know that if he does wake up, he would be a true monster.”

Pathless Origin was shocked for a second, “Monster? What did you give him? Is it your best Force of Milky Way?”

Night Walker slightly shook his head.

“Then it’s 9 layer starlight?”

Night Walker still shook his head, and smiled, “Do you still remember the Heart of Darkness?”

Pathless Origin curled his lips, “Of course, that heart is one of the reasons why we are stuck in the dark net. It’s all your fault, you

were so possessed and determined to steal that thing. Wait, no, don't tell me you actually used the Heart of Darkness as a base for the medicine you made for Han? That was your treasure!"

Night Walker answer indifferently, "The most valuable materials are only valuable because of what they can make. Han's Void End belongs to the dark and mysterious descent, which is kind of related to the power of darkness, and the Heart of Darkness is among the highest concentrated dark material you can use in medicine, so the two should be able to work together."

"All these years, I've been focused on investigating the properties and medical reactions of the Heart of Darkness, and I discovered that its true nature is really scary. Normal people can't use it, only espers like Han with dark mysterious descent powers can possibly trigger the effect of the heart."

"A few hundred pills were swallowed at once by Han yet he's still alive. That's says enough about how unique Han's zero-degree brain region is. It has a powerful self-defence mode, but it's still not the solution. That's why I chose to fight poison with poison!"

"Fight poison with poison?" Pathless asked curiously, "You mean letting the Heart of Darkness to attack the poison that already resides in Han's body?"

Night Walker nodded, "I used half of Heart of Darkness combined with Thousand Golden Yellow and Silver Blue Skyline to make this special medicine and divided into a course of 12 injections. If my calculations aren't wrong, Heart of Darkness will first react with the existing poison in Han's body."

“The first three injections that enter Han’s body won’t hurt Han because his lifeline has already been isolated and protected by the zero-degree brain region.”

“After three doses, not only will Han not die, the poison inside his body would be cleared empty. At that moment, Han should already build up immunity towards Heart of Darkness, which means that Heart of Darkness is no longer a poison that can kill Han.”

“At that moment, injecting large of amounts of Heart of Darkness will allow Han to completely adapt to the power of the heart. After the 12 doses completely enters Han’s body, then his tolerance to Heart of Darkness will also reach the pinnacle. At that moment, the heart isn’t just not going to kill Han, but will become a part of Han’s body.

Pathless Origin swallowed a mouthful of cold air, taking advantage of the defensive measures of Han’s zero-degree brain region to force Han to adopt the Heart of Darkness therapy, ultimately absorbing the most dangerous and unreasonable dark medicine in Milky Way, Night Walker’s technique is still as on point as before.

“If everything you said happened, Han will ultimately clear out all the poison in his body and take control of the Heart of Darkness, then what happens?” Pathless asked in curiosity.

Night Walker answered in a deep voice, “Two main effects. First,

Han will naturally wake up as healthy as ever.”

“Second, because Han’s body will gain the power of half of Heart of Darkness, Han will grow an extremely strong tolerance for poison. I can’t say he will be totally immune, but it can at least provide up to 90% immunity from poison damage.”

Pathless clapped out of excitement, “90% reduction to poison? That means, if other people can only eat 2 or 3 nuclear energy pills before dying, Han can eat 10 or 20 consecutively and still have no problem? That means he can eat the drugs with less severe side effects like candy!”

“And since Han already has Void End, if he has to face a strong opponent, he can still kill them by just taking drugs and pills! An overpowered physical property of almost full immunity to poison, it’s awesome just thinking about it!”

Night Walker smiled, “It doesn’t even end there. Why did Han improve that fast? It’s because he absorbed Ye Shuihan’s power crystal. Ye Shuihan had the foundation of a 6 star warlord, and with your extreme training methods to add a bit of pressure and force some of that energy from the zero-degree brain region, that’s why Han’s level skyrocketed!”

“But about what will happen later, you know too, it is almost impossible to fully inherit the power from the predecessor. Ye Shuihan’s a 6-star warlord, minus that loss from inheritance, then Han would only be able to reach around 5-star tops.

Night Walker stopped for a second, and continued, “Now if Han

can really wake up, his body would naturally gain half of the Heart of Darkness. What does that mean? It's the natural antitoxin, which means that unless he takes something more poisonous than the Heart of Darkness, no other drug will hurt him."

"That means, Han can take large amounts of support medicine during training, like source energy pills that boosts training efficiency. Other people can only eat one per day, but now Han can eat 5, 10, or 15 and still be fine!"

"Then top that with your unique extreme training, even if Han uses up all of the potential that Ye Shuihan left him it's still okay, because those drugs will still allow Han to keep on reaching breakthroughs and let his level soar through the sky! You tell me if it's awesome or not!"

Pathless Origin had never been this excited in a long time, "AWESOME, too awesome! I can't even wait to see the expressions on other people's face when they meet Han! They finally waited till the death of Ye Shuihan and now here comes Han! Not only did he inherit that Ye Shuihan's power, his potential is even better than him! All the espers will go insane after meeting Han!"

"But Old Black, this time you really used your most hard-earned capital, the Heart of Darkness is unique in the entire Milky Way and thus it's priceless. You used half of it at once for Han, wouldn't it make your heart ache?"

Night Walker's eyes suddenly dimmed, he let out a long sign, "I must say, being stuck here in the dark net, you aren't the only one getting bored. Although I got a wife and daughter and the

management of a company to keep me busy, it's still incomparable to before."

His gaze moved to the horizon, Night Walker continued, "We both can never return to the past, we can only sit here in boredom. But luckily, fate finally showed us its good side, and gave us the chance to meet someone interesting like Han. Helping him is actually helping me."

"Han has the talent, determination, hardworking character, stubborn personality, he really resembles us when we just entered the Milky Way. Being able to watch Han grow bit by bit, is my biggest spiritual sustenance right now."

Pathless Origin let out a long sigh too, "There's nothing we could do for ourselves at this stage, at last we offended someone that can't be offended. This huge Milky Way, actually doesn't have anywhere else for us to go."

"Let's just wait and see, today's the day for Han's last injection. Hopefully he will get better soon."

Chapter 41: An Enhanced Version Of Han

Li Yu picked up the automatic injector, this was the last one but Han's still in a coma. If Han still couldn't wake up after this, then it would have come to pass that Earth had forever lost this miraculous young man. That was not something they wanted to see.

All the life monitoring equipment in the room displayed that Han condition was normal, but he was still unconscious. He had a regular respiration rate, heart rate and his brain was still working, but he just didn't have any consciousness. From a medical standpoint, this was an incredibly odd sign.

Letting out a small sigh, Li Yu injected the medicine into Han's arm. The gold fluid slowly got pushed into Han's body, and at the same time, Han's skin was becoming red as if he was burning. The monitoring equipment displayed a rapid increase in the activity of cells inside Han's body, reaching 1200 times the normal rate of ordinary people.

This intense level of metabolism caused Han's body temperature to rise rapidly, his whole body was sweating nonstop, pores expanding and a grey white fluid start to come out from the pores.

Every time they used this special injection, Han had a similar reaction. At first it was black fluid coming out of Han's body, but as more doses were applied, the fluid's color became lighter each time, ultimately becoming the grey white color right now.

But it could be clearly observed, after consecutively using those 12 doses, Han's skin had become smoother each time. From observing Han's eyes, they could see that it was getting purer, as if Han underwent a complete change each time.

The medicine's effect ended and the heat started to drop, but Han's eyes were still tightly closed. There was no sign of consciousness.

Li Yu shook his head, and said to Wu Di who was standing beside him, "Let's go. The new extinction site's exploration plan is now at a crucial stage. As for Han, I hope fate can take care of him."

Wu Di nodded in disappointment but just as these two were about to leave the room, there was suddenly a sound inside the room.

The two were immediately shocked, they turned around only to find Han waking up! Just when they are about to give up, Han woke up! He comfortably did a long stretch, and looked at Li Yu and Wu Di with a big smile.

"Where am I? It seems like I slept for a long time."

"You are awake?!"

"Han, how are you feeling right now? Does your body hurt anywhere?"

Li Yu and Wu Di asked in excitement. At the same time, the monitoring equipment detected Han's return and quickly signaled the nurse and doctor on shift to quickly come in.

Han thought for a bit, got up.

"It doesn't really hurt anywhere, but I need to go to the washroom."

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When Qiu Taibo anxiously rushed to the hospital room and found that Han wasn't there, he yelled, "Where's Han?"

Li Yu pointed at the closed washroom door, "Taking a bath."

"TAKING A BATH?" Qiu Taibo was shocked, "He was unconscious for a whole month and was just awake for a few minutes, and he already has the strength to take a shower?!"

Wu Di shrugged his shoulder, "How should I put it? Han seemed really energetic when he woke up, a lot more active than before."

Qiu Taibo took a deep breath, this was really a miracle in medical history. Normally, after being in a state of coma for such a long time, the patient should be completely out of strength when they wake up. But for Han, it was like nothing really happened, and being unconscious for a whole month was like an afternoon nap for him.

But Qiu Taibo thought for a bit and came to acceptance of the fact. After all, the medicine that cured Han came from a medicine god's hands, so this kind of effect was expected.

The sound of running water in the washroom finally stopped. No one knew where he got it but Han came out with his Black Celestial Python clothes on.

After coming out, Han looked at the torn parts on his shoulder, leg and back region, and lightly sighed, "What a pity, I didn't even get to wear this for a few times and it's already in this condition... It was pretty expensive..."

There no words to describe how confused everyone was inside the room. After recovering from such great catastrophe, the thing Han cared about most was his clothes?

"Han, lay down and let Chief Qiu perform an overall assessment." Li Yu saw that Han was fine and felt like the huge weight on his shoulders had disappeared.

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It was just Qiu Taibo and Li Yu in his office.

"His Power Source Index is 1013, at the 3-star rank." Qiu Taibo said in a deep voice.

Li Yu nodded, “That didn’t change. It’s the same as when he was taken into the hospital. That night when he was fighting the raiders, he had just reached 3 stars.”

Qiu Taibo took a look at another stat. He was shocked at first, and then he put on his glasses and stared carefully at the screen for a while. Then finally, he said in astonishment, “His total source energy count didn’t change, but his natural growth rate changed. It’s now 5.”

Li Yu was shocked, and asked curiously, “Is that the weekly or monthly increase?”

“Neither. It’s the daily increase...” Qiu Taibo took a deep breath and said.

Hong~

Li Yu felt a huge sound in his brain, daily growth rate is 5 units? That’s way too overpowered! Before, Han’s natural growth rate was only 2.1 units per day, and now it’s more than doubled?

Li Yu thought, this severe injury Han had, if it couldn’t kill him then it would at least leave behind some consequences. But instead, not only was Han completely fine, but he’s a lot stronger than before! How is that even possible?!

Qiu Taibo was completely shocked by every aspect of Han’s body, he carefully examined every result from the assessment. Han’s

cells' activity rate at least tripled, which meant that Han's speed of recovery from an injury is now a lot faster.

His brain's cognition region expanded, meaning that Han will be able to learn a lot quicker now.

His body's self-cleansing rate and resistance to poison have also dramatically increased, meaning that most types of poison in this world were now completely ineffective to Han, and that he had a body immune to almost all poisons.

As Qiu Taibo was analyzing each result, Li Yu was so astonished that he couldn't even close his mouth.

His eyes got all sparkly, Qiu Taibo couldn't hide his excitement and said in a shivering voice, "In conclusion, what you see now is an enhanced version of Han. Every aspect about him has far exceeded his past. It's just like the old saying, not dying in a huge catastrophe must mean that a great fortune awaits.

Li Yu nodded, he couldn't be happier. What he was most worried was Han's inability to recover from this incident and Earth losing a great talent that it has never seen before.

Now, Han not only miraculously recovered, but he's a lot stronger than before! It's a result that no one expected!

After dialing a few numbers on his phone, Li Yu found his student Wu Di. On the other end of the phone, Li Yu heard heavy

breathing, as if he was doing some intense exercising.

“Wu Di, is Han with you?” Li Yu asked in curiosity.

“Ya, we went to the rehabilitation center. Han’s really strong, I practiced a few rounds with him and still couldn’t get any hits in.” Wu Di answered as he tried to catch up his breath.

“You guys went to do combat training?! Han just woke up, don’t you know that?”

“I didn’t have a choice, how could I stop him. But Han is nothing like someone that just recovered from a severe injury. He’s even more alive than before.”

Turning off the communications, Li Yu and Qiu Taibo looked at each other, completely speechless.

Qiu Taibo shrugged his shoulder and finally said, “Without a question, Han is really a monster.”

Chapter 42: The First Esper Legion Of Earth Is Here

Li Yu saw Han and Wu Di in an intense fight at the rehabilitation center.

From a level standpoint, Wu Di was at the pinnacle of the 3 star level, expecting to level up anytime soon. His Power Source Index was over 9000 units, which meant that he should be a lot stronger than Han who currently sat at around 1000 units.

But when they really started fighting, Han actually wasn't disadvantaged too much as Li Yu expected. Wu Di, just like other espers, was used to using his ice descent abilities. When fighting against Han and getting robbed of his power, it was really hard for him to adapt.

In addition, Han's attacks were very fierce, displaying an attitude that he wouldn't give up until he died, and it was actually hard to tell who was winning.

Li Yu slightly nodded as he observed, Han completely took away his opponent's power, and then forced everyone else to fight with their lives on the line like Han was.

Wu Di knew about Han's power but he wasn't familiar with that odd and fearless combat style. Not to mention those people that don't even know about Han's power, the moment they notice that their power was gone and Han charging at them fiercely like a beast, of course they would get scared and be at a major

disadvantage.

In fact, Han was able to go against all those raiders by himself because he relied mainly on two things. First was the element of surprise. When everyone loses their power, there is always a moment of shock that Han could take advantage of. Second, he was fiercer than anyone, as well as more fearless! The moment he gets the chance, he wouldn't hesitate to deliver the fatal blow.

“Time to stop!” Li Yu shouted, “You two, come over here!”

Han and Wu Di finally stopped fighting and came over to Li Yu. Wu Di scratched his head and said with a little tone of embarrassment, “Sorry that I embarrassed you, Teacher, I went even with Han. I must say, Void End is really brutal. I've practiced ice attacks for my entire life, and when it got suddenly taken away I couldn't adapt for a long time.”

Han responded humbly, “I just took advantage of that this time. Next time we fight, I won't be able to go even with 5th Brother.”

Li Yu really liked Han's attitude. Even though Han was famous now and everyone knew about the Tough Bone Han, he was still as humble as always.

Li Yu thought about it and said, “Han, this time you were able to escape death, what's your plan for the future?”

Han smiled and said, “Of course I have to continue training hard.

Time is running out, I must try my best to compete for a spot at the Milky Way Galactic Meet. Also, I want to apply to join the Assault Army.

Wu Di said in a pretty proud tone on the side, “You might not know yet, but when you were unconscious, the United Government officially approved the formation of our first ever Esper Combat Legion, and now the Assault Team has been renamed as the United Government’s Esper 1st Legion!”

Han was shocked, and he laughed, “Then that’s even better! I want to apply to join the 1st Legion.”

Li Yu confirmed, “That’s obviously no problem. This time you can wake up was all thanks for the medicine your friend from outer space sent. Did Wu Di tell you this yet?”

Han sighed with emotion, Night Walker was always really nice to Han, and the reason he was able to escape death was all thanks to him. He was like a mentor to him.

Also, Han finally remembered his drug index numbers. He hadn’t updated in a month and he couldn’t even imagine how his customers have verbally abused him already. Breaching the agreement of daily updates meant that he needed to pay his subscribers back for damages... Han finally made some GC and now it might not even be enough as compensation.

Whatever’s coming will come, now there are other people and Han couldn’t get a chance to log onto the dark net. After Li Yu and

Wu Di left then Han will go and clean that mess he made on dark net.

Li Yu doesn't know what Han was thinking, but he remembered what Qiu Taibo asked him earlier, so he tried to test the water and asked, "Although the 1st Legion is now approved, it still needs to stock up suitable equipment and medicine. Right now the United Government doesn't have too much knowledge on the outside world, so I was thinking, maybe your friend that sent you the medicine might be able to help us out a bit."

"Of course, I will ask him later about medicine, and for the equipment I have someone else that can help. But for both the equipment and medicine, it will probably cost a lot."

Wu DI patted Han on his shoulder, said proudly, "Don't look at Earth like the old days. Now that the Extinction Domain at South Pole has been captured, we now have a stable source of income. I wouldn't call us rich yet, but of course it won't be poor like the old days anymore."

Han didn't really understand how extinction domains worked, so he asked in curiosity, "So extinction domains can bring in income too?"

Li Yu smiled slightly and answered in a serious tone, "Oh you reminded me. Han, would you like to see the extinction domain that you put your life on the line to protect?"

Visiting an extinction domain?!

Of course, Han even dreamt about going there!

To protect the extinction domain at South Pole, Han pretty much lost half of his life during that battle, and the Assault Army lost about 50% of their brothers. The cost was way too heavy.

Han have heard a lot of rumors about extinction domains, but he's never seen one with his own eyes. So, he accepted the invitation right off the bat and agreed to return to the South Pole with Li Yu. But just to be safe, Li Yu wanted Han to stay in the hospital for a little longer just to monitor his conditions.

Han had no choice but to stay, and after Li Yu and Wu Di left, Han got someone to deliver his personal laptop. He took out the login program in his necklace, and entered the dark net's public forum.

He didn't know what to say after seeing Night Walker's pinned post on the forum, stating that Han couldn't update the index numbers because he got into a little accident and was hospitalized.

Night Walker was very high up in the hierarchy in the drug industry, and with him personally explaining for Han, the majority of Han's customer all showed understanding. After all, it's a subscription cost of only 3 GC per month, no one's going to be angry over that little money.

Han felt very grateful, he rushed to Night Walker's website, found him and thanked him right away.

“No need to mention such easy task. Your situation was a bit special, it was a great opportunity for me to test my newly invented drug.” Night Walker answered Han in a very relaxed manner, but little did Han know, the reason he was able to survive miraculously, costed Night Walker half of his priceless Heart of Darkness.

Han said, “Regardless, without you I would probably be dead already, so I still need to thank you, and also for the drug index. If it wasn’t for you to show your face and explain to the public, my subscribers would probably want to eat me alive.

Night Walker answered in a careless manner, “This is the dark net, you took the money and worked hard and that’s already really good. There’s no good people on dark net, I saw countless swindlers taking money but never sent the products or the other way around, it’s all too normal.”

“But now that you mentioned it, what do you plan to do with the drug index?”

Han hesitated for a bit, index report was like the light novels online, it required daily updates in order to get readers. It is still okay to take a day off occasionally but it requires prior notice to clients.

This time the break was too long, Han’s reputation was seriously damaged. Although it is still possible to continue, but he’s very busy now and he will only get busier. A job like this that required daily effort was no longer suitable.

After thinking about that, Han had no choice and said, “Although it wasn’t my intention to take such a long break, but the impact is already done. I should just sell it all at once, and refund the residual subscription fees back to my clients.

Night Walker knew about Han’s condition, of course he wouldn’t have that much time to waste on writing those numbers, after all his destiny was to become a fine warrior.

“That’s fine too, writing an Index is time-consuming and makes very little money, how do you plan on selling it?” Night Walker asked in curiosity.

“Actually, there were always a few people that wanted to buy my original data. I can find someone that I can trust, and sell all my previously collected data to him. In addition, I can advertise for him, and recommend all my subscribers to him, so that can count as like an additional value.

“Okay, after you are done negotiating I will act as a guarantor.”

“And there’s something else I want to ask you, the planet I’m from, Earth, its United Government is looking to purchase a shipment of drugs, mainly for source energy pills used for training, and also some other drugs that can temporary boost a soldier’s combat performance.”

“But my home Earth is still really poor right now and can’t take out too much money, so would it be possible for you to give me a

discount?”

Night Walker started laughing on the other end of the dark net, Han really cared about Earth and he knew about it. Otherwise Han wouldn't have risked his life to fend off those fearsome raiders.

“Fine, I don't need that money anyways. From now on, anything you buy, I will give it to you at base price, but you still have to pay for shipping though.”

“Thank you so much!” Han didn't expect Night Walker to be this nice about it and he was really happy, “Later I will give you the list, now I will go visit Pathless Origin and see if I can buy some cheap equipment from him. I have no choice, our United Government is really tight on finance, so I have to save for them as much as I can.”

Han said farewell to Night Walker and went to find Pathless Origin to ask where he could buy cheap but good equipment.

Chapter 43: Equipment Of The Dead

Pathless Origin was as cold as before, “Oh, you got hurt. I thought you little brat finally stopped bothering me. What do you want to ask me this time?”

Han anxiously asked, “I do have a lot of questions, can’t help it because I’m young and inexperienced. But I really want to thank you, from my last battle I finally understood, you taught me that the most important thing isn’t skills, nor how to train, but the battle spirit! That’s the foundation of a soldier!”

“For the lifetime, everyone will keep on running into challenges and obstacles, and enemies will always show up, but for a warrior with the true spirit and will of battle, he will be able to hack his way through difficulties and accomplish more in life! Thank you for teaching me something that important!”

Pathless rarely shows emotions but he start laughing on the other end of dark net, seems like Han’s pretty savvy and finally understood the underlying lesson he was trying to teach.

But Han also did well himself, seeing how Han yelled his famous words in front of a group of stronger opponents, “I don’t have anything else, but I still have a few tough bones!”, Pathless was really proud.

At least the time spent on Han was not wasted, this little guy really showed some good fighting spirit, and he’s like a true warrior now.

“Don’t kiss my ass.” Pathless was happy but he doesn’t want to show it, so he said in a strict tone, “You are still a long way to becoming a true soldier. Killing a few robbers doesn’t meet anything, a true warrior need to not display emotion even when facing an entire army.”

“Also, did you do an assessment on your body? Did the injury leave behind any sequela?”

Han typed, “The doctor checked, he said I recovered really well and there weren’t any sequela. In addition, my natural growth rate was increased a little from before.”

Pathless Origin frowned a little, “Be clear, how much is a little? 1 unit? 1.5 unit?”

Han replied honestly, “The system said, my natural daily growth rate is at around 5 units.”

First, Pathless was astonished, then excited, then that changed right into anguish, “You little bastard! From 2.1 to 5, that’s called increased by a little by?! That’s more than doubled! How did it grow by that much?!”

Han thought for a bit and replied, “I don’t know, maybe it was the medicine given to me by teacher Night Walker.”

Pathless sneered, “If that Old Black has that ability, I will write

my name in reverse.” Pathless said to himself on the other end of the dark net.

He’s very familiar with Night Walker’s background, so he was sure that it had nothing to do with Night Walker’s medicine but with Han himself.

To be honest, Han’s natural growth rate increasing to 5 units per day really shocked Pathless, but on the outside he still have to play it cool and emotionless, “That’s just okay, this kind of speed in Milky Way isn’t that impressive, you can’t be arrogant because of this.”

“But now that you have recovered, you must not slack off. Let’s dial the training progress back a notch, starting from -20 degrees Celsius, and slowly increase to the -50 degrees Celsius you were at before the fight. You must be patient with this.”

“Do you have any other questions?”

Han anxiously asked, “Teacher, I noticed that of among all the stores that sell equipment and skill scrolls on dark net, you charge the lowest price. Now my Earth’s United Government wants to form an esper legion, but we are really poor and can’t afford too much. Don’t know if teacher has any ways of helping us get some cheap skill scrolls?”

“All the things here are second handed, you know that?”

“Yep, but that’s okay, as long as they are cheap.” Han didn’t mind at all, because with the current financial ability of Earth, being able to give every soldier some second hand equipment is already good enough.

“The equipment sold on dark net, they are usually acquired from illegal channels, you don’t care about that either?”

“That’s no problem, whether it’s stolen or robbed. Right now we just need something that’s cheap but also decent, we can’t afford to care about where it’s from.”

Pathless hesitated for a second and said, “I will be honest, the things I sold were all from stripping the dead. Many great battles took place in Milky Way, and those large scale wars involved over millions and millions of espers killing. After the war, dead bodies were left everywhere. Some of the equipment I sold still have bloodstains, and that’s why.”

“In the Milky Way Alliance, it is illegal to strip and sells the stuffs of the dead. But there’s someone called the Skinner, that’s all he does. How about this, let’s book a time and I will take you to see the Skinner. If you want some good equipment but don’t want to spend too much money, then that’s the only way.”

Han didn’t even hesitate to agree. So what if it’s taken from the dead? Right now 90% of the esper soldiers don’t have any equipment. Last time, Han was able to survive in that fight mainly because of his Black Celestial Python. Without the protection from armor, even one blow from the enemy might end Han’s life.

Han booked a time with Pathless, and reported everything to Li Yu on the second day on their way to the South Pole base.

Li Yu couldn't help but frown a bit, "Han, what kind of friends do you have? He suggested taking the equipment from the dead soldiers? Is that even illegal?"

Han wanted to say, he met both Night Walker and Pathless Origin on dark net, and if the business are legal then that would be strange."

But of course, Han wouldn't tell Li Yu the secret about dark net, so he replied in a deep tone, "Chief, I was there at the fight at Shanghai. Before the soldiers from Esper Administration arrived, the ordinary citizen espers didn't have any equipment. They couldn't even protect themselves and they had to risk their lives to protect the civilians? I never want to see that kind of sacrifice again!"

"Even if the equipment is second handed, stripped from the dead, illegal, so what?! In my opinion, the equipment that can arm our brothers and minimize avoidable sacrifices, are the best equipment!"

"As for the Milky Way Law, fuck that law! When did that fucking law protect us? Why should we respect it if it wasn't there when we are suffering?!"

Li Yu was deeply convinced. Not just the fight at Shanghai, the

fight at South Pole was the same. If the equipment were better, maybe a couple more brothers could live.

Even if it can help one more brother live!

Earth has about 150 thousand espers, not counting the minors, low levels, non-combats, only about half of that number can actually go to war. Every esper's strength is very important, we can't let our brothers' blood drip in vain!

Thinking about that, Li Yu said in a deep voice, "Okay, do what you said! Let your friend get us a bunch of illegal equipment and arm our brothers first! I will handle the headquarter side of negotiation.

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The plane landed in South Pole. Li Yu and Han exited the plane, and walked towards that extinction domain that's hidden under the base.

Chapter 44: C-Class Extinction Domain

When Han returned to the South Pole base, he received unprecedented amount of welcome.

“Yo, Han! You are finally back!”

“I missed you brother! Good as long as you are back!”

“Thank you! It was all because of you that we got to keep this precious extinction domain!”

Han smiled as he greeted everyone. Although he didn't know most of them since he didn't stay for too long at that base and he focused on training, and those people that saw Han as their close brothers only met him probably once or twice.

But that didn't affect how much everyone love Han, the Tough Bones Han. There's no one on Earth that's not familiar with that nickname. In everyone's eyes, Han may not be the strongest, but he's absolutely the most fearless existence!

One against ten and twenty times the enemies and still charged bravely without hesitation, fighting till the last moment and almost sacrificing his life, Han's story is like a legend to everyone!

Ever since the last incident, the security level at base significantly improved. Now there are two special force squads guarding the entrance to the extinction domain, that's about 22 people.

Han looked at that silver alloy gate and sighed, that's where he saw the death of Charlie and Fo Liman with his own eyes. Now revisiting this site, how could he not feel down?

Stepping past that mysterious gate, Han finally arrived at the legendary extinction domain that he heard so much about. A bit different from what Han imagined, there's no fancy decorations nor artistic statues, it's more like a metal fortress, the grand lobby connecting countless passages.

Most of the passages have rails installed, and electric transporting trains dragged out carts and carts of black minerals, sending everything to the gigantic machine at the lobby for refinery and sorting. The black coating of the minerals were scraped, leaving behind light yellow crystals.

The crystals are pretty small, like grinded transparent sand and the workers are in the middle of boxing them up. The extraction rate isn't too much, harvesting only a few pounds from a cart of mineral rocks.

Han curiously watched everything, the steel reinforced walls, roof, passage, and there are murals on the wall and roof, depicting the vast Milky Way, as if the pre-historic civilization were very fond of the starry space.

Li Yu let out a sigh of relief, "Now this is a C-class extinction site that belongs to Earth. It was a pre-historic ore yard that carries pretty good quality Sun Fire Crystals, which is that little yellow

rock. It's used to manufacture high level alloys, and each ton can be sold for 50,000 GC."

"The ore yard's current production rate is 1 ton every day, and we can take these minerals to the Milky Way public market for sale. That way, United Government will have an income of about 15 million GC every month. As productivity picks up, the harvesting rate will increase as well. When it can reach to around 3 tons per day, that's 45 million GC."

"You must know, the United Government's income last year was only 50 million GC."

Han was a bit confused, "But I don't really get it, it's just exploring a mine, how did so many brothers die in battle?"

Li Yu looked at those dark passages and said, "Because there were dark beasts."

Han was slightly shocked for a bit, he doesn't really understand what Li Yu meant by dark beasts.

"Follow me"

Li Yu took Han through one of the pathways. The people working here are all ordinary people without power, seeing how sweaty and hardworking they are, they probably know how important this mine is to Earth so they are really trying their best to finish their mission.

A predicted monthly income of 45 million is still not enough for a populated place like Earth. All the espers will need equipment and medicine and that's already very costly, not to mention if they want to form a space fleet.

Right now, Earth only has one Air Fortress Class frigate, and it was a prize won by Ka Lake for scoring 9th place during last Galactic Meet.

But regardless of size, Earth is still a country. For a country to have only one space frigate, it's really a joke. But to obtain more ships and train more personnel, it's a huge expense.

In addition, United Government has to import some advanced energy sources, machines, training systems, and it also needs to travel for diplomatic reasons, and these all cost GC. So right now, for Earth, it's not a problem about being poor, but a problem being REALLY poor.

Han followed Li Yu and arrived at the depth of the passage, and marks left behind battles began to appear. The claw marks on walls were at least 15 cm deep, if those marks were left on soldiers, it would be an instant death.

Li Yu recollected his memory as he spoke, "Before the pre-historic left, they locked down many mines, research facilities, bases, and left large quantities of dark beast."

"Normally, the higher the class of the extinction domain, the

stronger are the dark beasts that were left in them, and they also left traps inside extinction domains class B and up. So, for us to retrieve the treasure left behind by the pre-historic civilization, it wasn't an easy task."

"Like this ore yard, it's actually fairly easy to capture among all the other classes, but it still caused the Assault Army to suffer heavily. With Earth's current strength, if we would to explore higher class domains, it would probably bring extinction upon the whole army and possibly Earth."

Han slightly nodded, thought for a bit and asked in curiosity, "But how do people determine which class an Extinction Site is ranked as? Also, I don't get it. If the pre-historic civilization left Milky Way, then why did they seal way everything and make it that troublesome for other people to access it? If they don't want to other people to access it, why didn't they just blow them up?"

"The extinction sites are ranked based on their value and difficulty. The lowest one is D-class, it has no threat. C-class is a bit more dangerous, but still manageable. B-class means a significant amount of risk, and only the developed countries in Milky Way has the ability to explore a B-class, and lower level countries will either ask those developed countries for help or form an alliance with other countries, and then they would barely manage to explore it."

"As for A class, it's difficult beyond imagination. Even if the most developed countries of Milky Way form an alliance, it's still impossible to completely capture an A-class extinction domain. That's like the ultimate forbidden domain for humans, with countless of traps, hidden passages, and dark beast."

“Galactic Meet of Milky Way’s primary objective is actually to gather all the talented young espers in Milky Way to form an alliance to explore those special A-class domains, which are A-7 domain, A-19 domain, and A-23.”

“These three A-class domains are very unique, there’s a restriction placed at the gate, allowing only people under the age of 30 to enter. That year, Ke Lake successfully explored A7 and his overall score was ranked 9th in the entire Milky Way, displaying an enormous amount of potential!”

“With powerful young warrior with such potential here on Earth, although after the Galactic Meet ended some country still suggested to colonize Earth, it was quickly declined by the Milky Way Alliance. After all, in their eyes, a top talent like Ke Lake might be really helpful to the Milky Way Alliance in the future.”

“But sadly, after the Galactic Meet ended, he sent his Air Fortress class frigate back to Earth, but he never returned home and no one knew where he went. Until this day we still haven’t heard anything about him.”

After talking about Ke Lake, Li Yu could hardly hide his emotion. Ke Lake was a student of Li Yu and two others, and they all shared a deep bond.

It has been almost a decade. If Ke Lake was still home, then Earth wouldn’t be in such a difficult situation, with even the raiders dare to push it around.

After a brief hesitation, Li Yu continued, “As to why the domains are heavily defended, it’s because the pre-historic civilization believed that one day they will ultimately return to Milky Way, so that’s why they carefully sealed everything away.”

“They still want to come back? Then I’m more confused. Moving as an entire race is not a joke and it’s really costly. If they are going to come back then why did they move away as an entire civilization?”

“I guess they have their reasons. That’s why it has been the biggest mystery of Milky Way. Normally, an entire race moving is usually due to a threat. But from the materials and technologies harvested from the domains, it’s clear that before humans there was a very intelligent race with high degree of civilization. Humans only learned a fraction of the technology results of the pre-historic civilization and it has already been so useful. Battleships capable of crossing Milky Way, fusion electric energy technology that’s like a free source of energy to the entire world, those are all technologies left over by the pre-historic civilization.”

“In fact, no one knows the type of threat that the powerful pre-historic civilization was facing that caused them to feel so determined to move towards the unknown distant. But there’s one thing certain, the existence that forced the pre-historic civilization to completely leave Milky Way, must be a very dangerous enemy, and that dangerous existence is still here somewhere in Milky Way. It’s still in a dormant state, and we just don’t know more about it that’s all.”

“Regardless, Milky Way is a chaotic and dangerous place. As a member of this galaxy, Earth is way too weak. The only way is for us to get stronger, and then it will be possible to fight off all external threats.”

“The most I can do, is to put in all my effort to develop extinction domains. As long as Earth has a stable financial income, we can slowly accumulate strength. And you just need to find a way to make it to the Galactic Meet, I believe that you have the potential!”

Han nodded, “Don’t worry, I will try my best. To my knowledge, headquarter also has a team of professionally trained young espers, they should be going for the advancement match to the Galactic Meet right?”

Li Yu looked dignified, “Tough to say. Now they are like you, shut away from the world to train. Oh right, you will meet those guys soon. Also, Cheng Zhong and Monk, they are all coming to attend 1st Legion.”

Han was so happy to hear that. Although they haven’t known each other for a long time, but they’ve fought side by side like brothers sharing the same life, and that’s the best kind of relation.

Soon Han and Li Yu came to the end of the pathway, the rails are still being installed, and the mineral pit is going to be explored soon, to provide valuable financial support to Earth.

Li Yu stared at the blood left on the wall, said in a deep voice, “If we can’t secure a good spot at the Galactic Meet, to avoid becoming

a colony of other countries, our only chance would be to forcefully activate the B-class extinction domain here, and let our brother espers on Earth fight for the last hope.”

Han was shocked and asked in surprise, “Earth still has a B-class Extinction Domain?”

Chapter 45: Ancient Battleground

Han was shocked and asked surprisingly, “Earth still has a B-class Extinction Site?!”

According to what Li Yu just described, a B-class extinction site was an extremely valuable existence that can only be captured by the more developed and powerful planets in the Milky Way galaxy. The result of excavating an extinction site was, of course, an immeasurable amount of wealth. Han never would’ve guessed, a small planet like Earth was capable of having a B-class extinction site!

Li Yu slightly nodded, “Earth really has a B class extinction site, and since you are already an official member of the Extinction Site Administration, I don’t have to keep it confidential towards you anymore.”

“But you know what’s sad? It’s that we defend a gold mine but we can’t harvest any of that gold! We have no choice but to watch the wealth sleep underground.”

Han was shocked for a second, “Because we are too weak? But didn’t you say before that we can partner with other big countries to explore these high class extinction domains?”

Li Yu showed a bitter smile, and his eyes dimmed, “It’s not that Earth hasn’t tried negotiating the exploration with other countries. The closest planet, the Centaurus Sally Empire’s initial offering was 95%! The extinction domain is on Earth and they want to take the majority of it, how can anyone allow it?”

“Also, the side effects of that negotiation was that the intel that we have a B-class domain got out, and the Sally Empire has been eyeing us menacingly ever since. I suspect that the past raids were all ordered by them!”

“Unfortunately, that day you almost died to stop those raiders, we still couldn’t kill them all. Some ended up fleeing, so we felt really guilty.”

Han hastily responded, “I knew what happened that day. When our brothers got out of the extinction site they had already reached the end of their tethers, so it’s already a success to be able to kick them off Earth.”

Li Yu smiled bitterly, “1st Legion’s formation, it’s also part of a plan to explore B-class Extinction. If the Milky Way Alliance really ratifies Earth as a country that needs to be colonized, then we will force open the B-class domain! Right now, the main army has already moved to the location of that extinction domain. The 1st Legion’s headquarter, the air-fortress class frigate, is positioned there as well, and this C-class location will be turned into a simple ore yard. After a few days, let’s move to the new base with the last batch of soldiers.”

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Li Yu stayed at the base to finalize some moving arrangements, and Han resumed his daily training. As the base moved, that freezing yet still unfrozen strange body of water will be completely

moved too, to create a place to train for Han at the new base.

After training, Han felt a great sense of refreshment throughout his body. He asked for two meat buns and one large cup of hot chocolate at the café, then he returned to his room and started to think while eating.

Earth was not in a good position right now.

Possessing a B-ranked extinction domain was Earth's luck, but it's also a source of disaster. If it wasn't for Ke Lake, Earth probably would have already become a colony 10 years ago.

It's very easy for the developed and powerful countries in the Milky Way galaxy to claim Earth, they just need to write a report during the Galactic Meet of the Milky Way, saying that Earth was too weak and unprotected. Then they would request for the "responsibility" to "protect" it.

Then, the members on the executive committee will do a vote, and if the majority doesn't reject, then Earth will become a colony.

But like Li Yu said, betting with everything on the line to force the opening of B-class extinction domain is also not feasible. A low level C-class domain already took the lives of many esper soldiers, so it won't be enough capture the B-class domain even if they send all the soldiers on Earth into the domain.

Sigh~

It's time to attend the appointment with Pathless, Han let out a sigh and headed towards the training center. He found a public virtual pod and logged onto the Galactic Dark Net, they agreed before to visit Skinner, the guy who strips dead bodies for equipment, to talk about buying weapons.

Shua~

After a flash of light, Han was sent into the virtual environment created by the computer. There was a little stream with many bluestone chairs and tables, four sides surrounded by green grass and pleasant sound of nature, it was really peaceful.

Pathless Origin still hasn't show up, so Han waited patiently near the little river. This time Pathless was so nice that he agreed to take Han to see the buyer, that's really a rare opportunity.

Soon, Pathless showed up, looked around, and said, "Once you are ready we will get going."

Han nodded. Pathless opened the address display, entered a link, and then copied the link to Han.

"Note this down, and next time you can go find Old Mo yourself."

Han and Pathless teleported one after another to Skinner's camp.

Han suddenly realized, this camp site wasn't virtual but instead was real. Right now Han and Pathless' consciousness got placed into two walking robots. The dark net had connected the robot's data end, and that way, although being thousands of light years apart, Han and Pathless can still be physically present.

Han looked around in curiosity, and observed that the place Skinner lived wasn't that great: a ragged tiny industrial ship parked on a cliff, with an energy shield protecting the top, and surrounded by small mountains of equipment and weapons piled randomly after being taken away from the dead.

There's no one at the camp site, just a few robots covered in rust stains, and we don't know how long it had been since they were last cleaned. Missing an eye, or short an arm or leg, it was very common.

Around the campsite were large quantity of robot remains, they were taken apart by someone and thrown into piles.

Han looked down at himself, the robot he got placed in is actually quite interesting. Different from those common crawler-type robots, the one Han's controlling is more human-like, with two arms and two legs, and the workmanship and material that made this robot also seems higher class.

Moved fingers around, attempted to jump a few times, Han then saw Pathless Origin. He's a robot too now, and there's a screen on the head, and on that screen is that emotionless cold wrinkly face of Pathless.

Pathless said in an arrogant voice, “What, you’ve never seen robot before right? These things are a big taboo in Milky Way. Using intellectualized robots? Death! Repairing robots? Death! And manufacturing robots will also result in the whole family getting death sentence! I trusted you, that’s why I brought you here! So you can’t tell this to anyone even if you get beaten to death.”

Han nodded, but asked in confusion, “Robots violate Milky Way’s law? Although I’ve never came in contact with one, but I’ve watched a lot of movies on robots.”

Pathless said in a serious voice, “Anything related to artificial intelligence is a big taboo of the Milky Way Alliance, because they are scared of the power of artificial intelligence. They feel that robots might one day betray the human race, so they strictly forbid all research and work related to robots.”

That Skinner Old Mo built his camp ground on the side of a cliff, and there’s a shaky steel chained bridge linking to the other side of the cliff.

As Pathless took a broad view over the boundless field on the other side, and said in a deep voice, “That’s the main battle field of the Zi Zhu Empire and Luo Lan Republic, where over 20 million espers fought to the death. The war continued on for a year and 7 months, and all the killing resulted in blood running like rivers and bodies covering every inch of the ground!”

“Ultimately, both powerful countries used super nuclear weapon

at the same time, instantly killing all the soldiers on the field regardless of them being ally or foe! The bloodiness of that war was beyond imagination.”

“After the detonation of super nuclear, this planet became a forbidden zone for humans, the average radiation index reach 76,000. Especially the land right across from us, which is the center of the battle field, the radiation index passes 5 million! No one, not even warlords were able to survive in radiation that strong!”

Han asked in confusion, “If there’s so much radiation, how can Skinner Old Mo survive and live here?”

Pathless Origin waved his hand and said carelessly, “You will know in a second. Old Mo isn’t even human.”

Chapter 46: Skinner

Pathless waved his hand, and said carelessly, “You will get it when you see him later, Old Mo isn’t even human.”

“You... Always saying bad things about me behind my back.”

Right after Pathless’ words, Han heard the industrial ship’s hatch door open, and someone with messy hair and wearing thick black goggles spoke as he walked down.

Han found out in surprise, Old Mo really isn’t human, he’s in thick armor with only two hands exposed. He has very long nails, just like hard eagle claws. He’s covered in grey scales, and his body size is far larger than humans too, approaching 3 meters.

This must be Skinner Old Mo. Although he’s not human, but just like Han and Pathless, he spoke Milky Way’s common human language. Right now, Milky Way already has its unified language and writing, and since Earth is a new comer to the Milky Way Alliance, different languages still exist based on where you are from on Earth. For instance, as Han, Cheng Zhong, Li Qi and other friends from China still speaks Mandarin when they are together, but they all speak Milky Way’s Unified language during other times.

Pathless saw Old Mo is here, he smiled and said, “When did I say bad things about you, you are not a human.”

Pathless turned around and explained to Han, “Old Mo belongs to

Kui race, a very rare race in Milky Way. They were born on a planet that's really radioactive, so they originally have very high tolerance to radiation."

"Later, Milky Way Alliance wanted to take over the planet due to its rich nuclear resource, and since Kui is a small race, they couldn't defend against the invasion of a large human army. So, the Kui race got scattered. And due to the fact that they have high resistance towards radiation, a portion of them became skimmers."

"This Old Mo has been wanted by Milky Way Alliance for a long time so if you need money one day, just chop off his head and hand it in and you can redeem quite a large bounty."

Old Mo has really good temper, he didn't get angry and he stopped beside Pathless and Han.

Pathless was very straightforward, "Old Mo, this is Han, he wants to buy some equipment from you."

Old Mo nodded and pointed at the nearby small mountain of equipment, "Too be honest, due to the heavy nuclear pollution on this planet, all my equipment here are contaminated and that's why they are so cheap. After shipping them back they still require some processing to be useable."

Pathless added, "Old Black knows a few things about processing, you just have to buy something that neutralizes radiation that's all."

After Pathless and Old Mo's explanation, Han finally understood, the so-called skimmers are not merciless outlaws, but just someone that uses robots to clean up battlefields.

For example Old Mo, he belongs to a rare race and lives in difficult conditions under the oppression of the Milky Way that's dominated by humans, that's why he made the risky move and started this kind of business that can get him killed.

Right now, United Government of Earth has 10,000 official members, they are all elite espers picked from the entire planet, the majority being 3-star espers with some 4-stars as well. According to plan, Han will need at least 10,000 3-star battle suits and 10,000 weapons.

During a large-scale battle, aside from battle suits, espers usually wear another layer of alloy armor in order to strengthen their defense. Rarely being able to find a low-price supplier like Old Mo, Han of course wants to finish buying all the equipment at once.

Usually, 3-star battle suits are around 100,000 GC each, armor and weapon depends on quality and material.

Han thought for a bit, weapons and armors don't have to be exceptional quality, but buying battle suits is quite troublesome. Battle suit is the most foundational equipment, not only must it have good defense, capable of entering water or space and maintaining life, it also needs the flexibility of being able to adjust when wearing, too loose or too tight are all not good. They require an advanced degree of technology to manufacture, and it's also costly to make. Even these contaminated second-handed battle suit

are still not cheap.

Han and Old Mo negotiated, Old Mo considered for a while and finally said, “How about this, 3-star battle suits I can sell them for 8000 GC each, and then armor and weapon, including shipping, I will charge another 2000. That’s my bottom price.”

“As for my 4-star battle suit, I only have around 10, I will charge 1 million GC. During the time of that war, high level soldiers were all concentrated at the center of explosion, so the equipment leftover on the battle field are usually from soldiers of average and lower rank, the high rank equipment were mostly destroyed with those high level soldiers, so they are rare to find.”

Han saw Pathless nodding slightly on the side to show his approval of this being a good price, so Han agreed to the deal. It costed 101 million GC to buy this shipment of equipment, and if Han were to buy it from legal galactic market then it would cost at least a billion or two.

Then Han thought about the problem with shipping, Old Mo laughed and said, “I’ve been cleaning this battle field for many years, there shouldn’t be too much stuff left over. Later, I will tidy up the items you ordered and ship it to Earth myself, and then I will head to another battle field.”

Han and Old Mo were still talking about shipping arrangements while a large group appeared from the distant. It’s a group of hardworking robots that goes onto the battlefields to retrieve equipment. They stopped at the camp ground and started sorting the equipment they retrieved.

Han became very interested in the system of control Old Mo has in place. Although Old Mo came from the Kui race, he still can't tolerate the high radiation at the center of battlefield, and he had no choice but to stay on the outer ring. He still can't expose himself to the radiation too much, so he always take baths with medicines regularly to make sure that he doesn't die from a prolonged exposure to radiation.

As for the robots, they aren't afraid of anything and they don't understand what it means to be tired.

If robots aren't banned in Milky Way, Han really want to buy one too.

"Old Mo, where did you get those robots?" Han asked curiously.

Old Mo laughed and said, "From a junk planet. The robot were destroyed after the ban, but there were a portion of the parts still on that planet so I resembled them. Unfortunately, these robots had logic chips installed before, and they were taken out before the robots were destroyed."

"There's a big difference between the robots with and without logic chip. The ones without has very basic intelligence and they only understand to follow orders. If the robots have a logic chip installed, then it becomes just like a human, capable of smiling and thinking."

Old Mo also told Han that to avoid being copied, Milky Way

Alliance took away all the logic chips and sealed it at a highly secured location.

It is said that logic chips are also something left behind by the pre-historic civilization, and it is impossible to be produced under the current level of technology that humans possess. So, as long as Alliance doesn't remove the seal, then Milky Way Galaxy will never have truly intellectualized robots.

Han listened and thought emotionally, using large quantities of robots can significantly improve human's production capability, and it's such a pity that they were sealed away.

Old Mo saw Han asking so many questions about robots, he laughed and said, "You are really interested in robots?"

Han nodded rapidly.

Old Mo said with great sentiment, "Me too. Ever since I was a child, I already became obsessed with robot technology. These robots are not just tools that I use to clean up battlefields, they are more like families that I know will never betray me."

"If you like them, I will let you lead a group and explore the ancient battle field later."

Chapter 47: Exploring The Battlefield

Han took 2 cleaning robots and decided to go take a look at the battlefield that Old Mo and Pathless have talked so much about.

Both robots are crawler-type, suitable for moving in complicated terrain. Their arms carry digging tools, and because they don't have logic chips implanted, they look kind of dumb, only capable of listening to orders. Han told them to go sit on the car and wait for him, and they ran to the car and waited there like a good boy.

Old Mo told Han that the robot Han's in right now used to be the most advanced model in the old days, named R7, made from high level tritanium alloy, has an identical body of human, with arms and legs, height at 1.8 meter, connected and controlled using the dark net communication port.

After getting ready, Han waved goodbye at Old Mo and Pathless, stepped down on the gas pedal, and the vehicle rushed onto the steel chained bridge towards the battleground remain.

Old Mo commanded the rest of the robots to start picking out the equipment that Han wanted, and pack them all into his sketchy industrial transporting ship, waiting to leave the planet to get them cleansed first before sending them to Earth.

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In the blink of an eye Han has already traveled very far, Old Mo's base became a small black dot behind him, and in front of him is

the limitless desert. After the cruel nuclear explosion, the land has become completely lifeless, only Old Mo and maybe the robots count as the only life on this planet.

The vehicle is called a Land Speeder, a very common mean of transportation in Milky Way. It has no wheels, uses magnetic suspension system to float about 1 meter off the ground, with 2 high-powered jet turbo engines providing the Speeder the necessary propulsion, capable of traveling up to 3000 kmh.

Old Mo's Land Speeder doesn't have a top and also carries a cargo box like a truck. It looks really simple, but after all, he's an engineer that can even repair the complicated robotic devices. With his tuning, the land speeder has excellent performance and great drifting speed, topping it off with powerful jet engine that set off a huge amount of sand behind them as it roars.

Han controlled a robot to drive the land speeder, so the air resistance and noises were not a threat to him, allowing him to fully enjoy the pleasure of speed. After only 2 hours, they arrived at the heart of the battle field.

Here he saw the land clouded with giant craters that resulted from bomb explosions. Some of these bombs didn't detonate on the ground but in the air instead, releasing super shockwaves capable of shattering the internal organs of soldiers to create more casualties.

The large empire level countries in Milky Way have incredible strength. At this war between Zi Zhu Empire and Luo Lan Republic, just espers alone, both sides putted in as much as 20

million. In comparison, Earth has at most 15 thousand espers, and that's including those non-combat ones like the esper that can grow more teeth or do math faster. It's clear to see, the huge gap that exists between Earth and those great powers in Milky Way.

It was said that the most powerful countries in Milky Way – the 12 permanent members of the Milky Way Alliance, each has at least 100 million espers. For countries with such strength, destroying Earth is as easy as stretching fingers.

The ancient battlefield has a long history, coupled with the robots led by Old Mo that have been here for decades, there wasn't any remaining equipment in sight.

In fact, Han also knew that it would be impossible for him to find anything valuable on this ancient battlefield because they would've long been taken away by Old Mo. Now he just wants to get a feel of the atmosphere of the battlefield.

Despite the battlefield now looking like a deserted desert, there is one thing that will not die out because of time but grow more and more intense, and that is the soldiers' indomitable soul.

The wind blows and the water gets cold, warriors leave home but never return. The barren desert filled with a chill atmosphere, the warriors that fought bravely here in the past have died, but their souls are still here wandering. Before the dark and stormy night, the sound of wind on the desert is their lamentation. (TL: translated from a Chinese poem)

Han imagined the scenes of the war that year, picturing rivers of blood running on the desert. Before he knew it, he has driven past the heart of the battlefield and came to the end of the desert, facing layers and layers of mounds.

Han stopped beside a mound, he looked at the time and 5 hours have already passed. Blazing past over 10,000 kilometers, it is very hard for people that aren't personally experienced to understand the joy Han had riding that Land Speeder.

Although Han knew that it's highly unlikely that he will harvest anything, but after all, for a journey on the battlefield, he should at least get something as a souvenir. He's really not reconciled to go home empty-handed, even finding a dagger to bring back is good enough for him.

So, Han decided to enter the hilly area.

Driving in the desert just need speed, but driving in this hilly terrain requires more skills. Han slowed down his speeder and advanced along the valley between the hills. A sudden turn will drift up the center of gravity of the speeder, adding on a thrilling pleasure that wasn't present in the desert.

Two more hours quickly flew by, Han still hasn't made any discovery. Not even the main battlefield have any more remnants, not to mention this region outside the battlefield.

“Well, it's not early anymore, time to go back.”

Thinking about that, Han tilted the steering wheel and got ready to turn back to the camp.

After all, Han is still a beginner at driving land speeder. He rushed between the hills and was a little anxious when making a quick turn, after hurtling sideways the speeder actually couldn't stop and began to quickly drifting sideways."

"Shit! Too much speed!"

Han cursed, quickly activating the brake. At the presence of an opposite force, the speeder began to react by shaking violently, sending dirt flying all over the sky.

Shua~

The speeder finally came to a difficult stop only a few meters away from a small mound, barely avoiding collision, the scene was breathtaking.

Han turned his head to check on the robots. Crap, he and the land speeder are okay, but those two robots got thrown out of the cargo container due to a shift in gravity, landing head first into a mound.

Han hurried and got off the speeder to dig out the two silly robots from the soil.

Huh?

Suddenly Han froze, because as he dug out the robots and pulled them out of the dirt, he noticed that the dirt wall is actually hollow inside. There is a cave with its entrance covered by dirt, and as Han dug out the soil layer he was able to see the cave from a top corner.

“Come, let’s dig open this hole and take a look.” Han asked the two crawler-type robots.

So, Han and the two robots struggled as they finally opened up an entrance big enough for them to fit, then the robot opened a flash light and accompanied Han into the cave.

The cave is a natural formation, not large in area. The nuclear explosion that year possibly shook off the top layer soil, blocking the entrance to the cave.

The light shined onto the end of the cave, Han seemed to see two dark shadows.

Chapter 48: 90 Million GC

There seems to be 2 dark shadows inside the cave, Han hastily walked over and saw two long-dead soldiers both knelt on the ground, the one on the left pierced the other one's chest with a knife, but the one on the right landed a sneak attack right with a dagger hidden in his sleeves right before his death. The edge went into the neck dealt a fatal blow.

Undoubtedly, there is a significant skill gap between the two warriors, one of them took all the advantages and straight up slashed the other one's combat armor into a mess while not getting a single scratch on his body.

Unfortunately, the weaker one was more sinister, releasing his dagger right before death and ended the enemy's life.

Han felt incredibly lucky, it's an unintentional move but a traffic accident knocked open a cave, and the weapon and armor left by both soldiers are his!

The warrior with a pierced chest was wearing a leather combat suit, it was severely damaged, possibly wasted. But the warrior that got stabbed in the neck, his uniform was intact, black, it feels like a fiber texture but also a bit different.

Han quickly ordered the two crawler robots to take off the items on the corpses. The silly robots are used to doing this kind of work, they quickly scavenged the bodies and also dug out an inheritance power crystal from one of their skulls, golden, sparkling.

Han knew, generally speaking that only high-level espers will possibly leave behind inheritance power crystals after death, and the probability is less than 1 out of 10,000. Judging by the color and purity, the crystal can easily sell for one million GC!

And if this person is a high-level soldier, then the items he left behind must be quality stuff as well.

But after digging around, aside from his combat suit he only found a ring. Perhaps because of his confidence, he didn't bother wearing a layer of alloy armor.

The soldier in leather combat suit did wear armor and he also carried a leather backpack, although there isn't anything valuable. But the dagger in his hand is really unique, it's actually not metal, but made with animal bones.

Han quickly packed everything up in excitement, got on his Land Speeder and went straight back to Old Mo's camp site.

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"Come check this out, I found something!" Han landed the speeder safely and shouted in excitement.

Soon, Old Mo and Pathless got out of the industrial ship, and they were surprised to find that Han actually found some equipment after circling the battle field once, and it looks very good too.

A complete combat suit, a broken combat suit, a blue ring, a backpack with a few gems and other food supplies, a silver dagger made from animal bones, an alloy armor, plus a power crystal.

Old Mo skillfully picked up the armor and knocked, “Ah, this is a protective armor built with Fuli Dragon alloy, good stuff. Although it has many scratches, but it can still sell for 120,000 GC. As for the power crystal, it should be metal-bending descent, worth about 10 million GC.”

On the other side, Pathless picked up the dagger, weighted it with his hands, tilted his head and said, “This is a dagger made with black celestial armor beast’s tailbone, a very insidious weapon that not only can escape the scanner but is also highly toxic, it can sell for 70 or 80 thousand GC.

Han nodded on the side, no wonder that higher level warrior dead right away after being stabbed, the dagger was poisonous.

Old Mo checked out the leather combat suit and backpack and felt quite impressed, he said in a deep voice, “This dead man appears to be from the witch race, he not only uses the dagger made from black celestial armor beast but also used red tail viper’s leather as armor and backpack. Both of these are poisonous, distributing a scent that will trigger hallucination after inhaling.

The Witch race?

Han was shocked, the Witch race is one of the Milky Way wisdom

race. Its scale is smaller than the Kui race Old Mo is from, and it was said that they are all insidious people that are skilled with using poison.

Pathless stared at that last combat suit and blue ring for a long time, and asked in a deep voice, “Han, where did you get these stuff?”

So Han told Pathless and Old Mo the whole story. After hearing it, Pathless laughed, “I get It, Luo Lan Republic was said to have hired soldiers from the Witch race, so this 4-star soldier should belong to the Luo Lan side. But the owner of the other battle suit and ring, should be a young aristocrat from the Zi Zhu Empire.

“First let’s talk about this knife, Silver Moon Crescent blade, top tier blade in the Zi Zhu Empire, annual production was no more than 10 and they were only given to the elites of the empire and never sold to public. Its price is at least 1 million GC. This combat suit is even better. It uses a special type of soft metal, named Black Kylin, ranked Low 6 star. Without at least 20 or 30 million, it’s impossible to buy an all-round combat suit of this high quality.”

Han was shocked, he placed his hand on that black combat suit, stroked it a few times, and said in surprise, “So this is soft metal? Its texture feels like fiber, no wonder this guy only wore this combat suit but not the alloy armor, it’s actually because he’s really confident in his equipment.”

Pathless nodded slightly, “Although his equipment is good, but it’s certainly not 6 star. Or else, how would the 4-star esper from the Witch race be able to kill him?”

Old Mo said carelessly, “Zi Zhu is an empire with many wealthy aristocrats. Maybe this person is a noble offspring so he was able to play with these high-level equipment. Pathless, what’s the deal with the blue ring? It’s been in your hand for a long time.”

Pathless slightly smiled, “This thing is even better, you have never seen it before right? This ring inlaid with the blue stone is the legendary Blue Sky Ring, a dimension ring left behind by the pre-historic civilization to store items.”

“Old Mo, right now I’m in a robotic state so I can’t use my source energy. You force some of your source energy into the ring to open it, maybe there’s something valuable inside.”

Old Mo nodded, the Sky Blue Ring is quite amazing. A DNA detecting chip is installed on the ring, so whoever wears it, only his or her source energy can activate the ring, and ordinary people without source energy won’t be able to use it.

Soon, Old Mo opened the Blue Sky Ring and poured out a lot of good stuff, most of the things are supplies, food, medicine, water, underwear and stuff, in addition there’s some letters and a notebook, and a pile of money.”

Pathless picked out the money and medicine and passed it to Old Mo, threw away all the food and water, picked up the letters and notebook and began to read.

Quickly, a faint smile appeared on Pathless’ face, “It really is a

young noble offspring of the Zi Zhu Empire, and he was also in a relationship. These are all dairies and letters to his girlfriend that he didn't have time to send out.”

After readily throwing away the letters, Pathless picked up the piles of banknotes and counted, one of the pile is in notes of 10,000 GCs, the other two piles are in 1000 GCs, and there were a few hundred GC bills too.

Pathless smiled and said, “Noble's children are really spoiled, carrying this much money just to go to war. These are all GC cash issued by the Milky Way Alliance. Although the majority are now using electronic money, but these notes can be converted anytime, it's about 2.23 million.”

“Han, now you are rich! Silver Moon Crescent blade is worth million, 20 million value of 6 star Black Kylin combat suit, 10 million value of power crystal, 2.23 million in cash, the bone dagger is about 2 million, and these medicines seems pretty decent and can go for around a few hundreds of thousands, and not to mention this Sky Blue Ring that can generate an one cube dimension for you to use as storage.”

“On dark net, Sky Blue Rings of one cube large is worth at least 50 million GC. Adding everything together, your loot has a value of about 90 million GC.”

“A harvest of 90 million GC worth!”

Han was so excited that he want to jump. Not long ago, due to the

loss of his drug index, Han started to worry about his source of income. But today, he was able to gain this enormous wealth all of a sudden.

You must know, Li Yu and the brothers putting their lives on the line to explore the C-class domain and their monthly income is just about 45 million GC in total. Han took a visit to the ancient battle field and he was able to harvest loot equivalent to 2 months of Earth's income, which after conversion is more than 100 billion in United Government currency! Talking about being wealthy enough to compete with countries!

Of course, these wealth are mostly just on paper. Black Kylin battle suit, Sky Blue Ring, Silver Moon Crescent Blade, White Bone Dagger, Fuli Dragon alloy armor, these just make up a complete set of combat equipment, and of course Han wants to keep them for own use.

Pathless thought for a bit and said, "Sell the power crystal, and let Old Mo bring you the cash and equipment when he goes to Earth."

Chapter 49: Nazca Base

Tomorrow is Earth Calendar's New Year. Before New Year, Li Yu, Han, and the last group of personnel that are moving from the South Pole Base loaded up the ship with supplies, and arrived together at Southern Peru's Nazca wilderness. Headquarter of 1st Legion and the undeveloped Class-B extinction site are all located here as well.

Sitting on the plane looking down, the first sight was the well-known Nazca Lines, a line stretching for several kilometers, constituting a variety of vivid patterns engraved above the field, and its origin still remains a mystery up to this day.

Hercules Transporter skipped those miraculous patterns, and the atmosphere changed suddenly when an enormous interstellar warship appeared into their sight.

This is the Air Fortress class cruiser, Atlantic Cruiser. Its length covers more than 1500 meters, width expanding to nearly 400 meters. 30 stories high, 6 main artilleries at the front and back, 18 secondary side cannons as support, 4 linkage missile launchers, two fixed space torpedo launchers, and two decoy launchers and so on, the Atlantic Cruiser is equipped with a series of heavy firepower attack means.

Atlantic Cruiser carries 800 crewmembers. As Earth United Government's only interstellar cruiser, Atlantic shoulders the important mission of guarding Earth.

Unfortunately, although Atlantic has incredible firepower, there's only one which can't protect every corner of Earth. Those space raiders are currently taking advantage of this to carry out hit and run tactics, normally fleeing before Atlantic even arrives.

After crossing the Atlantic Cruiser, they saw the 1st Legion headquarter, which is also the entrance to the B-class Extinction Domain.

Numerous white circular buildings surrounded the entrance to the domain, over 10 thousand espers are guarding on Atlantic Cruiser, and so if the raiders plan to destroy to Earth's B-class domain again, they will have to check if they got what it takes.

Christmas just passed and it's New Year's Eve, but there's no colorful lights nor celebration at the base. The Hercules landed in solitude just a few miles away from the airport.

Han followed Li Yu and got on a jeep towards the base. On the way, he saw many soldiers jogging in the dark night, people holding thick books and studying under the outdoor lights, and the training facilities were crowded as well.

The jeep stopped at the back of the base, Li Yu looked around and said in a deep voice, "Next year is the Galactic Meet, everyone in the legion is very nervous, so when Long Chuan proposed to have a New Year celebration, no one responded at all, and that's how much pressure everyone is under right now."

"Come with me, I will take you to see another group of young

men that are participating in the Pressure Exam.”

The Nazca base has a separate spherical building saved for the most promising group of talents that are attending the Galactic Meet. They deemed Han as one of them, so Li Yu took him to see his future comrades.

“Your department is the expansion of the headquarters’ talent team. There were originally 7 little monsters under the age of 30 but reached 4-stars. Now, plus the 32 espers selected on Earth that have the hope of making it to the Galactic Meet, there’s a total of 49 members.”

“Your supervisor is Long Chuan, he is also the captain of Atlantic Cruiser. Because of how busy he is, you might not always get to see him. Also, your good buddy Cheng Zhong is also here.”

Han nodded, he has already heard of the famous Long Chuan, who was one of Ke Lake’s 3 teachers. Comparable to Li Yu and Talin, the three figures have made an indelible contribution to Earth.

Now they all occupy pivotal positions in the United Government, with Li Yu being the Chief of the Extinction Domain Administration, Talin being the Chief of Headquarter, and Long Chuan taking over Earth’s most important military power, the Atlantic.

As elsewhere, there is no celebration in the training camp. Han and Li Yu came straight to the training center, only to see Fatty

Cheng Zhong training his leg muscles, doing exercises while chewing nonstop on a bucket of beef jerkies.

Compared to the first time Han saw him a few months ago, Cheng Zhong got a lot fatter again, with cheeks bulging and belly almost sticking to heaven.

“Han!”

Cheng Zhong saw Han and he immediately ran towards him while holding his bucket of beef jerky, As he ran, the training center’s alloy floor trembled as well.

“Brother, I missed you man!” Chen Zhong shouted in a very affectionate voice.

Han looked around, “how come only you are here, where’s Monk?”

Chen Zhong curled his lip and said, “Monk didn’t pass the pressure exam and got eliminated, he’s on the Assault team now.”

There are several other people in the training room, and Chen Zhong’s open personality strikes again as he dragged Han and introduced him to everyone.

Li Yu still got other tasks to attend to so he left early, Chen Zhong enthusiastically took Han on a tour around the building. United Government spent a lot of money on this promising group of

youths to prepare them for Galactic Meet, the training center has a personal simulation pod for everyone and also all kinds of training facilities.

It's been awhile since he last saw Chen Zhong, and just as Han was excitedly chatting with him, a cold voice suddenly came to Han's ears.

“You are Han?”

Han turned around and saw 7 people walking out from the training center. They are all really young, and the obvious difference between them and others is that they are each in decent quality combat suit and wearing a 4-star honor badge on their chest.

Han knew, they are the legendary 7 geniuses from Headquarter. Being able to reach 4 stars before the age of 30, these people all have impeccable potential. As for Han and Chen Zhong and the others, they are all late-comers to the department, and they are all 3-star espers.

It looks like these geniuses aren't that gregarious, especially the tall, thin blond young man that's leading the group, his eyes are somewhat domineering, has a flat mouth that coldly shouted Han's name.

Speaking about them, the biggest difference between Han and the 7 geniuses is the sheer force of character. Although his level isn't as high, but Han fought real battles, saw blood, and also

witnessed the kind of cruel and merciless fights at Broadcast of Death. Although Han's younger, but he seems more calm.

Slightly smiling, Han reached out his hand and got ready to shake hands, "I am Han, haven't asked what your name is brother?"

The tall blond youngster hesitated, reluctantly reached out and gave a little "high five" to Han's palm, and frowned, "You are very late. As of now, everyone is here."

"The old saying goes, no rules then there's no results. Tonight we will elect the battalion commander and a deputy battalion commander so that we can also have a voice and a backbone for subsequent activities."

Han doesn't have any objections but Chen Zhong already retreated to the side.

Chen Zhong seemed to be a bit angry at them, "These guys are most annoying. Just because they are higher level, they show no respect to all the late-coming 3 star warriors. They don't even train with us, and they always act alone."

After talking with Chen Zhong, Han knows that the tall blond youngster is called Xin Beige, Germanic origin, intermediate 4 star level, and among all 49 people in the training camp he's the only one that reached such a high level.

Of course in a battle, level doesn't mean everything. Experience, courage, power and so on are all important factors.

Xin Beige really has a great surge of leadership gesture, he gathered all 49 students into the exercising room and said in a deep voice, "I suggest, we perform simulated battles to pick out the battalion commander, and the deputy commander will be picked by the commander. After that, everyone have to listen to the commander's arrangements, stick close together and grow this department into the strongest combat team as soon as possible."

"We old genius battalion all agree to elect me as a candidate for commander, you late-comers can elect a candidate now."

Han slightly frowned, he's not very impressed by Xin Beige's decision. After all, everyone belongs to the same training camp and are fighting for the same goal, there's no need to distinguish between veteran members and late joiners.

Xin Beige stroked his blond hair, scanned the field of audiences and said in a deep voice, "Then, if you guys have no other opinions, I will be the commander, and I appoint Ann Beibei as the deputy commander, who is also a very outstanding member among us old members."

Ann Beibei is a very lively girl, looks like in her early 20s, has a nice tanned skin and a pair of slender legs. When Xin Beige mentioned her, she smiled and waved at everyone, she obviously has an open and cheerful personality.

“I disagree!”

The decision was almost settled and Chen Zhong suddenly shouted, “I think Han is more qualified than you to be the battalion commander. Unlike us, he once single-handedly blocked a dozen times more enemies and protected the Earth’s vital C-class Extinction Domain. Talking about battle experience, Han is 100 times stronger than you guys! If you put yourself in Han’s shoes that day, do you think you can block them?”

Chen Zhong suddenly carried out Han and that slightly stunned him. Xin Beige’s face doesn’t look in a good now, he has always considered himself as a genius and thought he’s better than everyone else.

“If not satisfied, you dare to fight?” Xin Beige said coldly.

“Of course, you think we are afraid of you?!” Chen Zhong immediately rolled up his sleeves, and revealed his arms which are even larger than other people’s thighs.

Chapter 50: Long Chuan

Xin Beige didn't try to hide his overbearing character. He arrogantly asked Han, "What did you say? Do you dare to fight me?"

Shua~

All eyes gathered on Han. Against Xin Beigei and his team of geniuses, a lot of people all felt grudges against them, but they knew that they were too weak so none of them dared to speak up.

However, now that Han's here, the soldier that was known as the possessor of the strongest super power and bones on Earth, everyone including Cheng Zhong all hoped that Han can stand up for them and challenge Xin Beige and his arrogant group of geniuses.

Smiling faintly, Han stood up and said, "Brothers of Earth do not fight amongst themselves. But since it is just a contest, I guess there's no problem for us to just practice against each other. I also really want to see Brother Xin Beige's skilled moves."

Han accepted the challenge so readily which surprised everyone including Cheng Zhong, who was very familiar with Han. Usually, the boys from China were more shy and constrained. But after not seeing him for a few months, Han's personality seemed to have gone through big changes, becoming calmer and more fearless.

But little did Cheng Zhong know, during the past months Han

had been closely following Pathless' training method, and Pathless obviously didn't teach Han those old and constrained Chinese training methods. What he taught Han was extreme training, extreme combat techniques, fighting with his life on the line and never giving up until his body was in a grave!

Although Han was still young, he had already begun to think like a true iron-blood warrior. Lowering his head and acting cowardly like a turtle? Not even a chance! True warriors shoulder responsibilities, if Han ever had the thought to hide like a turtle in a battle, then that could cost the lives of many citizens or comrades.

Cheng Zhong looked at the person, he's no longer that nerdy version of Han, but an unyielding warrior version of Han!

Turning around, Han didn't even bother to look at Xin and said in a deep voice, "Since it's a team battle, I need 4 teammates. Who's willing to accompany me and fight by my side?!"

Of course, Cheng Zhong was the first one to step up. Then Han picked out 3 others that looked really calm from the crowd.

"We will see you on the virtual battle field in a bit." Han immediately said.

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Li Yu waved farewell to Han, turned around and went to Long

Chuan's office.

Opening the door, there sat a thin white-skinned middle-age man in front of the monitor. The expression on his face showed that he was eagerly looking forward to something.

This was Long Chuan, the youngest one among the 3 teachers of Ke Lake, and also the highest level, sitting at the pinnacle of a 4-star esper.

The famous Long Chuan didn't look like a warrior at all, but rather more like a scholar in a thin and weak body with a severe stomach problem and a face as pale as the snow. He actually looked like he was suffering from malnutrition.

Li Yu and Talin all nicknamed Long Chuan the a sick dragon.

Of course, nickname jokes were always just jokes. Only Li Yu and Talin who were very close to Long Chuan truly understood how fearsome he could be. Not only is he powerful, but also very intelligent, completely different from those common kind of powerful but simple-minded warriors.

Last Galactic Meet, Long Chuan had just past the age of 30 and went over the maximum age limit. Otherwise, if he fought together with Ke Lake, they would probably receive an even better score.

Unfortunately, also Long Chuan had the talent as rare as dragon

and phoenix, but he was still a sick dragon, inflicted with a condition that is dragged him behind a lot. At the age of 20, Long Chuan already reached the pinnacle of 4 star, but his level stayed the same till now, at the age of 39 he still couldn't make that final step and break through the barrier to 5-star.

But he certainly had a cheerful personality though. Ge saw Li Yu and he immediately yelled at him, "Hurry, hurry! They are about to fight!"

Li Yu's head became filled with question marks, "Who? Who's fighting who again?"

Long Chuang was so excited that his eyebrows are dancing, "The little boy you brought, Han, he's challenging Xin Beige's group."

Li Yu was shocked for a second, then muttered, "I just brought him to the training camp and it's already chaotic. Xin Beige's group are all geniuses taught by you, how can Han be their opponent?"

Long Chuan was very looking forward to it, "That's still uncertain. Look at his team picks, Weight Conversion descent's Cheng Zhong, Mind Control descent Bai Xueying, Rock descent Tu Lamu, Ice descent Nicholas, they are all powerful espers.

Li Yu was shocked and said in surprise, 'Good picks! These are all the strongest espers among the 3-star soldiers. Han doesn't even know them, Cheng Zhong probably picked for Han. From what I know, Cheng Zhong and Han fought together before so their

relationship is very good.”

Long Chuan shook his head and showed a footage of Han picking to Li Yu in a slow motion, in which Han quickly picked out those strong members from the crowd and Cheng Zhong didn't say a thing.

Long Chuan thought about it and said, “I understand, Han made his choices based on looking at others' eyes.”

“Eyes?” Li Yu is still a bit confused.

Long Chuan said, “Look carefully, when Han was picking, he scanned everyone's eyes once, if there is any fear or if one is undetermined, those people all can't become Han's teammate. Cheng Zhong stood up right away so that's that. But Nicholas and Bai Xueying and the others, they are all very strong, and their eyes shows a feeling of eagerness, and that's why Han picked them.”

“That's probably it. Otherwise it can't be explained why the strongest 3-star esper Luo Yuyin wasn't chosen by Han. She's an opponent that even Xin Beige is kind of scared of but unfortunately she's just a shy girl with an introverted personality. That's why Han chose others but not the strongest Luo Yuyin, Han must have saw through the cowardice in Luo Yuyin's bones.”

Long Chuan is a very intelligent soldier, Li Yu obviously trusts his analysis. He also thinks that Han made his choices based on one's sheer force of character, otherwise only fools won't pick Luo Yuyin as their teammate.

“Who’s going on the Xin Beige side?” Li Yu asked.

Long Chuan said in a somewhat angry tone, “An Beibei, Tie Hongliu, Bu Luke, and Parker. That’s the strongest formation in the gifted class, they are all 4 stars. Against Han’s temporary team, they still chose to use their strongest combination, that way there’s no grace if they win.”

Li Yu laughed, “You can’t eat grace for food. I actually think Xin Beige made the right choice going all out. After all it’s the Tough Bone Han, despite his level, Void End isn’t a vegetarian’s technique. As soon as the Void domain is activated, any power is eliminated, and Xin Beige will have no choice but to charge at Han and trade melee blows.”

“Believe me, anyone against Han isn’t a joke. His moves are really cruel and merciless.”

Long Chuan nodded slightly, “I’ve watched the clip that made Han famous countless times. He certainly doesn’t lack the courage and perseverance of a true soldier, but don’t underestimate my crew, I’ve spent great effort on Xin Beige and his team.”

“Doesn’t matter how strong Han is, it’s just him that’s strong, but tactics are the most important factor in team fights.”

In the monitoring screen, Han and the others have entered the virtual pods and were discussing each other’s characteristics.

Li Yu slightly frowned, aside from Cheng Zhong, Han doesn't even know the other guys, let alone understand their characteristics. A temporary team formation like this, maybe really isn't a worthy opponent of those geniuses.

Long Chuan was still fueled with excitement, "I've been looking forward to this fight for a long time. Even if they didn't trigger a fight today, I would still look for ways to get them to fight. Let's watch together, I really want to know who's stronger, Han from the wild, or the group of geniuses that I carefully taught and tuned."

Chapter 51: Tactic Wolf Fang!

As the main training platform for espers across Milky Way, virtual battlegrounds enjoyed a great deal of popularity. Of course, Han also trained in virtual battlegrounds before, but only under the influence of the dark net and Pathless. Han always felt that this virtual method training of simulating combat always seemed to be missing something.

Maybe it's as Pathless said, a battle without blood doesn't count as a real battle.

Shua~

When the virtual battleground got activated, the setting was chosen at random. Han and his temporarily formed team got teleported to a tropical forest, and Xin Beige's group would be somewhere within 5 miles of Han.

After sincerely asking about everyone's power, Han began to think. No one else talked, because everyone had already accepted Han's position as the team leader. After all, Han's fame and achievement was already out there, and he was also the one that accepted the challenge."

A faint smile appeared on Han's face as he said in a deep voice, "We will use this strategy."

After listening to Han's battle arrangement, everyone was shocked and confused. In their eyes, Han's tactic was way too

unexpected.

Cheng Zhong scratched his big head and asked, “Is this really going to work?”

Han answered, “Why not? Xin Beige must think that I will use Void End to force everyone into a melee fight with our lives, but we won’t do that. The best tactic is one that the enemy would never expect. If you guys believe me, then let’s spread out and start preparing.”

Han’s words did make sense and everyone nodded. Under Han’s lead they quickly disappeared into the jungle.

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On the other side of the virtual battlefield, Xin Beige’s group was also making their arrangements. Surrounded by teammates that they worked together over years training, Xin Beige was already too familiar with everyone’s abilities, so it wasn’t necessary to ask everyone like Han.

Xin Beige gritted his teeth and said in a deep voice, “Han is in fact nothing. His Void Domain will make us lose our super powers, so we have to fight them head on.”

“But unfortunately, he forgot. We are all 4-star espers and we have higher Power Source Index and better tactical coordination. Coordinate around me, we will solidify our position and wait for

them to rush us! By that time, Han will know that we are better fighters in melee range as well!”

Everyone agreed to Xin Beige’s tactic, against the unreasonable and fearsome Void End power, the vast majority of tactics seemed incredibly vulnerable because Han was capable of summoning a void domain of 10 meters in radius, where no one inside could use any power nor get attacked by any power.

So, the best way to deal with Han is to exchange melee blows head on with him. When Han’s group arrives everyone will swarm them, there’s no way that a group of four-star espers will lose to a group of lower level opponents in a melee fight.

After the plan was set, Xin Beige’s 5 men team formed a circle, back to back, and stood on a vacant ground in the jungle waiting for Han. Because there was no weapon settings, everyone was unarmed.

Suddenly~

Not far from the jungle a figure flashed by and the trees began to shake.

“Here they come!”

“Don’t worry, as long as we hold formation, we won’t leave them any chance to attack!” Xin Beige shouted to everyone to boost morale.

At that moment, they were in the open space inside the jungle, surrounded by dense trees and bushes. Silhouettes, shadows, wind blowing, trees shaking, it all made Xin Beige's team very nervous, not knowing which direction Han's group would attack.

Suddenly, something crashed into the formation. All they saw was a flitting shadow dashing out of the forest and a huge fat man. That was Cheng Zhong, the Weight Conversion power esper! He held Han in front of him, it seemed to be that tank strategy they used last time.

What's strange was not that Han and Cheng Zhong charged at them, but there was only two of them?!

Bai Haiying, Nicholas, Tu Lamu, where did the other three go?!

Xin Beige and his team didn't get a chance to think why Han didn't use his Void domain and lead his whole team to charge, and the huge Cheng Zhong already crashed into Xin Beige's formation like a bomb!

BOOM~

Imagine how powerful a big fat 600 pounds fatty charging in like mad would be! Han didn't activate his power at all, so after the violent collision Xin Beige's team was immediately off their feet, the second strongest "deputy battalion commander" even got sent flying away from the formation.

It couldn't be denied that that move of Han and Cheng Zhong was really cruel, and they even specifically targeted a little girl like An Beibei. All they saw was that the An Beibei with two beautiful long legs got sent flying immediately. Suddenly, from the other side of the forest three shadows dashed out, it was Nicholas and the others!

Those three are mind control, ice, and rock descent espers. Bai Haiying immediately used mind control to attack An Beibei's consciousness, and Nicholas and Tu Lamu quickly surrounded her. 3 against 1, also with mind interference, despite An Beibei being the second strongest pro in the entire training camp, she was immediately killed on the spot.

This case was something Xin Beige never thought of before the start of battle. Han and Cheng Zhong acted as an assault team, stabbing straight into the heart of the formation like a sharp knife to occupy Xin Beige's team. Then the trio will ambush the outer perimeter and execute individual enemies caught out of position!

It has only been a few seconds since the beginning of battle, and the number two pro An Beibei on Xin Beige's side had already left the battle field! The genius squad that originally had all the advantages is now is facing the difficult situation of number shortage.

And that's not even the worst part yet. Han didn't use his void domain right? But just when Xin Beige and his team decided to use their powers to attack, they suddenly realized that Han's void domain was activated!

It was really a nasty void domain that could make people puke blood. Only the devil knows when Han will active or deactivate, something like this domain can't be touched or seen, it's really hard to defend against it!

Xin Beige and his team couldn't use any super powers, so they concentrated on dealing with Han and Cheng Zhong, only to find that these two guys weren't easy to deal with!

Han was like a pile of die-hard bones, you give him a punch and he would not even hum once. As for Cheng Zhong, that was a 600 pound block of meat right there. Although he's lower level, but his tolerance to physical attacks was still incredibly high!

Boom~

In the blink of an eye, Bu Luke flew out too, Han quietly closed the void domain, and Cheng Zhong took advantage of the deactivated domain and knocked Bu Luke right out of the formation again, where the already waiting trio immediately rushed out again, killing the third ranked pro in Xin Beige's group within a second!

Within 9 seconds, Xin Beige's group already lost two generals, and not even a single guy got hurt on Han's side!

Now it's 5 against 3, Han did not hesitate and he waved towards the enemies, signaling the stomping to begin!

Yes, when void domain was fully activated and the trio that was ambushing now joined the fight against 3 enemies, that's stomping! As the saying goes, losing the battle is like a mountain falling down, after miscalculating twice, Han led his team and slaughtered Xin Beige's group in one breath!

Five to nothing!

Absolute stomp!

Han and Cheng Zhong were like two sharp wolf fangs, biting directly into the enemy body and abruptly tearing their defense apart, then start chewing away on the body!

Han gave a very suitable name for this tactic, Tactic Wolf Fang!

It has only been 17 seconds since the beginning of battle, but Team Xin Beige, all out!

Chapter 52: Operation Divine Sword

The training camp was completely silent, even the sound of a pin drop could be heard. Everyone couldn't believe it, the team led by Han was able to neatly execute the battle in seconds, stomping the higher level Xin Beige team in one breath!

When Han and his team got out of the virtual pod room, the crowd burst into noise and quickly gathered around Han's squad. They all wanted to know how Han won, and how he came up with this fearsome Tactic Wolf Fang.

Xin Beige was still somewhat angry, but his teammates were all very convinced of the loss. An Beibei energetically ran to Han and tapped him on the shoulder, she acted depressed and said, "Han, you are so mean, I'm the only girl and you still took care of me first. Hurry and talk about that Tactic Wolf Fang, how did you come up with it?"

Xin Beige felt embarrassed, but he wanted to know Han's secret too so he hid behind the crowd and straightened his ears to listen.

Han paused a second to organize his thoughts, and then he said, "Tactic Wolf Fang is something I thought of in the shower. When I activate my void domain, everyone will charge at once, and the enemies will of course be rattled when they lose their power, and my team will know how to fight without powerful through long-term cooperation."

"As a result, it will be us who are prepared, against the

completely unprepared enemy. That way, one bit from the fangs will either kill them or make them semi-disabled, so that's why this tactic is called Wolf Fang, which means to deliver a ruthless bite whenever there's an opportunity."

"Void domains can't be seen, other than me, no one knows when it's active and when it's deactivated. If we take advantage of this and let me deliver signals to my teammates, then we can suddenly deactivate the void domain and let everyone release powerful super ability attacks at once. Then, we can summon the domain again right when they want to use their power, and take advantage of their vulnerability and go up and deliver merciless bites. Every bite will let the enemy bleed heavily and after a few rounds, I don't believe that I can't bite him to death."

Everyone was attracted by the Tactic Wolf Fang described by Han, and they all felt that if they could join the Wolf Fang Squad and strike enemies together with Han, it would be very satisfying!

Han saw the depression on the face of Xin Beige and other 4-star geniuses, he walked up to them and patted Xin Beige's shoulder and said to everyone, "Whether Tactic Wolf Fang can be successful, it's fully reliant on everyone's support and needs everyone's effort. Like Xin Beige, when we were in simulated combat, this guy was the toughest to deal with, it required all five of us to cooperate to take him down, which shows that his foundation is really solid."

"That's why, I hope Xin Beige can join our Wolf Fang squad, and strike enemies with us in the future!"

Seeing how easily Han can let go of the past and bury the hatchet, everyone was really surprised, after all, Xin Beige's attitude towards Han earlier wasn't that friendly.

Han paused for a second and continued, "With so many foreign enemies targeting us, it is not an easy thing for Earth to keep its spot in the Milky Way, that's why we must remember. The people of Earth should never fight other people of Earth! You can't prove anything to others through factions! If you are strong then point all of our guns against the hostile foreign and go find our real enemies!"

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In Long Chuan's office, he quietly lit a cigarette, and remained silent for a long time.

Li Yu was very happy for Han. After all he was not just a member of the 1st Legion, but also a subordinate of the Extinction Site Administration. Seeing how Han stomped the students that Long Chuan was so proud of, Li Yu could feel the glory on his face too!

Long Chuan blew a smoke ring, smiled and said, "It's truly unbelievable. Han isn't just a powerful soldier, but also a tactical genius?! Take advantage of the nature of Void End, establish a special tactic squad to strike with Void Domain, it shouldn't be something a boy at this age can think of."

Li Yu proudly said, "After this New Year Han will only be 17 years old. His battle spirit, will, understanding and adaptability of

tactics, are all very developed and sophisticated now. For someone like it, the sky could be the only limit.”

Long Chuan’s eyes lit up suddenly, and he asked in a deep voice, “Suppose I send Han to the battlefield right now, would you think that I’m crazy?”

Battlefield?!

Li Yu was very shocked, “Could it be 1st Legion got its first mission that quickly?”

Long Chuan quickly took out a battle plan with the printed words “Top Secret” on top and said in a deep voice, “I’m planning to launch a surprise attack on the Thorn Bird Raiding Group after 2 months, it’s that group that attacked Shanghai, almost blew up the South Pole base, and caused Han to be unconscious for a month!”

“Our current problem is that we only have one starship, but based on our intelligence, the Thorn Birds have up to 4 destroyers, 11 frigates, 2 industrial ships and an electronic reconnaissance ship.”

“If we use the Atlantic to attack their base, it will likely set off star wars. Although our Atlantic Cruiser is stronger than any of their battleships, but our number’s at a disadvantage and it would be difficult to kill them all. The most likely outcome is lose-lose!”

That’s why, we need a more audacious plan that can annihilate these guys but also preserve our fighting strength at the same time, so I came up with this Operation Divine Sword. Without Han and

his Wolf Fang Tactic, we have only 50% chance of succeeding. But now, we have 80%!

“Old Yu, you should understand what this Tactic Wolf Fang means when it’s against a large battalion scale battle right?”

Li Yu was completely shocked by Long Chuan’s adventure operation. Earth had always been the one getting bullied by others, and it’s completely unheard of that Earth would take the initiative to attack others!

Li Yu listened as he quickly read through Long Chuan’s battle plan.

“Of course I know, if Han’s Wolf Fang tactic is successful, then it’s like as if a soldier that was fighting barehanded now had weapons! It’s like a rabbit grew sharp teeth, and it can bite people now!”

“Essentially, Han’s Wolf Fang tactic was like a battlefield metronome plus compass, used to adjust the whole campaign’s attacking rhythm. Wherever needed, the Wolf Fang would be there to bite. The Wolf Fang squad can lead the entire assault force’s attacking direction, and at the same time protect the vulnerable spots of our battalion. It’s not excessive to call it the versatile tactic on the battlefield.” Li Yu expressed his opinion on the Wolf Fang tactic.

Long Chuan kept on nodding, and his eyes kept on getting brighter.

“We are all aware, the hateful Thorn Bird Raiders are just a pawn of our real enemy. If we can’t even take care of the pawn, then the manipulating hands behind the curtain will become more unscrupulous.

“It’s time for Earth to shine its sword and let those hands behind the curtain know, it won’t be so easy to swallow Earth! Within all of the espers on Earth, there is no coward!” Long Chuan said in excitement, but then he started coughing immediately.

Li Yu was very clear, as the current number 1 esper on Earth, Long Chuan’s body was getting worse. That’s why he’s very anxious to shine the sword, his time was running out.

Li Yu laid down Long Chuan’s battle plan, considered briefly and said, “The only problem is, if we want to win this war, we must take the risk and send the members of the genius camp and Han onto the battlefield, while Han and them still shoulder the heavy responsibility of competing in the Galactic Meet. We can’t afford to have any loss of these talents.”

Long Chuan laughed bitterly twice, looked out into the pitch black night, the wind of the Nazca plateau is strong, also cold, like someone screaming.

“Of course I know it’s very risky, but we are already out of time. The Galactic Meet is next year, you think if the youth of Earth can get a high score, the Milky Way Alliance will reject the proposal of colonizing Earth again?”

“I’m afraid it’s not that simple. All these years, I have always wondered, Ke Lake loved Earth so much, he’s even willing to sacrifice his life for Earth. Such a determined and patriotic soldier, why did he leave without saying goodbye after the Galactic Meet? Is there really no hidden reason? No conspiracy?”

“Pinning the hope on others is the greatest tragedy of Earth. Of course, we need to fight in the Galactic Meet, but we also need to fight at the Milky Way federal level! If we want others to think highly of us, we must first do things to make us think highly of ourselves!”

Li Yu was suddenly stunned. About Ke Lake, everyone had doubts in their heart, but only a few will speak up like Long Chuan.

Ke Lake really just left without saying goodbye that year? Could it be Sally Empire, or some other enemies that want to colonize Earth had secretly laid their hands on Ke Lake?

No one knew the truth, and people didn’t want to think towards the tragedy side.

If Ke Lake was assassinated by an enemy that year, then even if Han and others can get a good score during Galactic Meet, it’s very possible that the enemy will strike again!

The Earth that was in possession of B-Class Extinction Domain, has been the ideal land that several nearby empires want to colonize.

Dong~

Dong~

Dong~

The old-fashioned clock tower at the base rang, it was the New Year bells.

But there was no celebration, no joy, only pressure.

Because this year is when the Galactic Meet takes place and also the judgement day that decide whether Earth will be colonized!

Long Chuan rubbed his temples with his fingers, and said to himself, “In any case, the year that decides our fate still showed up at our door, leaving us only a few months left.”

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Li Yu slammed Long Chuan’s desk, and said in a deep voice, “Let’s go find Talin together. Don’t let the information about Operation Divine Sword leak out, not even to Han and the others.”

“There’s still some time, we have to look closely to see to what extent can Han perform his Wolf Fang tactic. If he can really perfect Tactic Wolf Fang, then we will go and get rid of those

damned raiders! We will let that bastard Sally Empire see, although Earth is small, but no one here's a coward!"

Chapter 53: Old Mo's Visit

A few days have arriving at Nazca base, Han's daily routine was completely restored. Training every day, practicing Wolf Fang tactic with the group, asking Pathless questions nonstop, and aside from those, Han would also study the pharmacological book that Night Walker gave him.

Han originally thought pharmacology would be a particularly boring skill to learn, but when he really started studying he discovered that being a pharmacist was actually quite fun too.

The most important science behind pharmacology is alchemy. For example, the expensive Shirakawa smoke orange can accelerate cell metabolism, and if you can't afford it then you can also use mix the extraction of yellow land roll, west vanilla, and Hualien to get the same effect.

All in all, the era of interstellar pharmacology was a field concerning very complex harmonic technology. Starting with the purification process, to drug interactions, drug formulation time, temperature, and even adding bacteria into the medicine sometimes too, in order to enlarge pharmacological effects.

Han felt that pharmacology was like a microscopic world, full of mysterious changes, and the real masters were the existences that have mastered the art of changing the potency of pharmaceutical products.

Of course, Han's learning of pharmacology was just for fun, he

didn't not spend a lot of time on it. His primary mission right now was still training himself, improving his level, and also helping everyone master the Wolf Fang tactic.

After a few days of time, Han received an email from Old Mo on the dark net saying that he had currently reached the outer solar system, carrying equipment sets for a battalion of million units, some basic herbs and experiment tools that Night Walker wanted to give him, as well as Han's own equipment set.

Han got very excited and got the license to enter Earth's airspace from Long Chuan for Old Mo, and hurried to fly to the Sahara desert to see Old Mo.

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Shua~

It was still that old tattered industry ship, it appeared at the horizon and landed at the boundless desert.

As a businessman that did illegal trades on the dark net, Old Mo has always been cautious when making contact with outsiders. So Han had to meet him alone, and the Combat Falcon fighter hid far away after dropping Han off. In addition, Han also told Long Chuan to not attempt to communicate with this ship, because the cautious Old Mo didn't want to even leave behind any communication record.

After all, the dark net was a shady place hidden from the light, most of the businessmen there are as cautious as Old Mo. He was willing to personally deliver the goods to Earth, which was already showing a great amount of trust in Han.

The door opened, Old Mo and a few robots walked out. He was not wearing protective clothing so his real face showed, and Han thought he resembled a pangolin, eyes were very small, wearing wind sunglasses, and his body was covered in blue scales.

“Old Mo!” Han waved and shouted.

Old Mo looked at the burning sun in the sky, and sincerely said, “Such a beautiful place and no one’s living here? You people on Earth are really wasting precious resources.”

Han smiled and looked around at the sand hills, “What good place? It’s just a desert and you can’t even find a drop of water. We people on Earth don’t like living in deserts, we prefer living by the sea or the plain.”

Old Mo shook his head, sighed and said, “Before landing, I carefully looked at Earth. A planet as beautiful as Earth is really rare in Milky Way, no wonder a lot of empires want to colonize you guys... Even I want to spend my old days here.”

Han didn’t say anything, anyone living on Earth knew very clearly the empire isn’t really desperate about Earth because of how beautiful it is, but rather because of the priceless Class B Extinction Domain here.

“Did you bring all the stuff?” Han asked.

Old Mo gesture, those hard-working robots opened the ship’s back door and carried down a few alloy cargo containers, and Old Mo took off the Blue Spatial Ring on his finger and handed it to Han.

“Do not worry, I’ve fully cleansed my ship, now my Vulture (TL: name of ship) doesn’t have any radiation, it’s very safe. Look, the stuffs inside the ring are your personal belongings, and these are the goods you bought for Earth.”

Old Mo led Han and opened each container to check.

“Oh right, this box is also your stuff. Night Walker had me give you some raw materials and a set of equipment to make medicines. Also, this box contains your own medicine, like Nuclear Energy pills and stuff. Also, Pathless told me to give you this, a versatile training suit.”

“He said, your current training method isn’t convenient when you are doing long distance travelling, so he gave me this to give it to you. With this suit, you can train anytime and anywhere.” Old Mo opened one of the boxes, and explained how to use it.

Han looked curiously at the equipment for drug formulation, it seemed quite advanced and Han didn’t recognize most of them. Then Han picked up the training suit Pathless gave.

It was a very heavy suit with complex circuitry installed and it carried an alloy backpack-looking thing, the instruction says that the suit can adjust the temperature, gravity, and even imitate the pain you receive from getting attacked.

Han was so glad, this odd man Pathless Origin, he always scolded him like no tomorrow, but secretly he's been really good to him. This versatile training suit is probably worth a lot of money. With it, Han can travel to distant destinations without having to carry around that huge pool of water, and also have something with so many functions.

Lastly, Han opened the Sky Spatial Ring. These alternate dimension storages were really convenient, anyone wearing it can activate it, and all it needed was some source energy poured into the ring.

The powerful soft metallic combat suit Black Kylin, the sharp Silver Moon Crescent, white bone dagger, cash, they were all in there.

Old Mo said, "I've sold that power crystal for you for 12 million GC, already transferred it into your account."

Han chuckled, "Thank you thank you! To express my appreciation, I prepared some food and drinks. It's getting dark soon, leave after eating dinner."

Old Mo thought for a moment, decided to stay behind and try the

delicious Earth cuisine that Han was talking about.

So, Han took out the already prepared military folding table, propped it up, and from the backup he pulled out 12 heat insulated lunch boxes, a bottle of Maotai. He used the portable pot and heated up the food. Han sat down on the floor with Old Mo and had a simple yet pleasant dinner.

Chinese cuisine enjoyed great fame through ages, and all the dishes bought by Han were classics: braised lion head (TL: just big meat ball, not actual lion head), boiled shrimp, spicy chicken, Beijing sauced ground beef, boiled fish, and others, and the main course is of course Han's favorite, meat bun.

Due to Old Mo's perennial life in the wilderness, of course he never had the time to enjoy such delicious meal. He took a big spoon and praised the gods literally after every bite. In the Kui culture, everything is a gift from God, everyone from the Kui race is very pious.

Han had two glasses of drink, sat and watched Old Mo eating everything. The delicious cuisine and beautiful site of Earth significantly improved Old Mo's impression of Earth. Half way through the meal, he put away the leftovers into a fridge carefully and said that he will save it for later to slowly enjoy it when he craves for more.

It seems no matter what culture or race, the love for delicious food is the same, and the delicious Chinese cuisine easily conquered Old Mo's appetite.

Other than loving meat in bum and hot chocolate, Han feel okay with most other cuisines. In comparison, he likes Old Mo's robots more.

During this visit, Old Mo's number of robots increased a bit to 20 something, and he said it was from repairing during the voyage when he had nothing else to do.

Seeing how interested Han was about robots, Old Mo patiently explained to him, from the history of robots all the way to all the different types robots today, how the internal structure, and whatever he knows.

Unfortunately, Han is still a novice, and he could only understand a little bit about the robot technology left behind by the pre-historic civilization.

Needless to say, robots could improve work efficiency, and the key was how loyal and obedient they were. When Old Mo was eating with Han, they just blankly stood there and they came to clean up after Old Mo and Han were done. They just do whatever they are told to do.

Old Mo sighed, "Earth got delicious cuisine and a good environment, but unfortunately, it's still time for me to go." Old Mo said and he's already sounding nostalgic.

Han laughed and said, "If you like then just stay! With your knowledge in robotics, you can easily become the federal chief

mechanic, and by then, you will have great food made for you every day and also be able to live wherever you want, and isn't that better than going to distant battlefields and live every day under fear?"

Han was very sincere, although Earth is short on money, but it's more desperate for talents. If Old Mo can fix such complex robots, then obviously he's a very skilled mechanic.

Old Mo said in a deep voice, "I want to too, but unfortunately I'm not at the age of retirement yet. When I was young I wished, if I'm going to be a Skinner, then I will be the best one out there, and I won't stop until I can retrieve a set of godly equipment from the battlefield."

"This time, I'm going somewhere really good. Although it's a lot riskier, but it's very possible for me to accomplish that goal of mine."

"Then let's make a pact, if I succeed this time, then I will come to Earth to find you for sure. By then, you just have to get me a small house here and I will be satisfied.

"No problem! I got you." Han smiled and asked, "You mentioned Ares-class equipment earlier, what's that?"

Chapter 54: War Approaching

“You mentioned Ares-class equipment earlier, what’s that?” Han asked in curiosity.

Old Mo said, “You probably know, in Milky Way, any espers at 6-star level are called quasi-god of war, also known as quasi-warlord. When they get to 7-star, then they became the real god of war or warlord, and those so-called Ares-class equipment are equipment used by those warlords.”

“Due to the fact that 7-star espers will have at least over 10 million units of Power Source Index, even the powerful tritanium in the hands can be easily broken like plastic. So, the warlords all use special equipment and they are all unique models.”

“Ever since I was young, I loved playing with machinery and metal. Now that I have robots, if I can collect one set of Ares-class equipment, then my life can be considered not lived in vain.”

Han slightly nodded, 7-star espers were obviously powerful existences and they were basically legends in the Milky Way. Want to collect a used set of Ares-class equipment from those warlords? Old Mo’s ambition was really not small.

Slightly smiling, Han said to Mo, “Anyways, I wish you to be successful, and then come early to Earth for to spend your pension plan here.”

Old Mo laughed, he let his robot find a thick notebook and

handed it to Han, saying, “Accepting your hospitality, I don’t really have anything to give you in return. I might as well give you the notebook that holds all my research on robots in the past few years. These are all my years of research experience, so you can’t even buy it with money.”

“Of course, you have to be careful because robotics is illegal after all, be care that people might send you to jail after knowing about it.”

Han waved the notebook, “Thank you then! Such a precious gift, I will take good care of it for sure!”

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Shua~

The old industrial ship took off and left Earth in a sketchy and shaky manner. Han watched Old Mo leave and had some strong feelings. He was a little envious of Old Mo’s lifestyle, leading a group of loyal robots, digging around ancient battlefields and being able to see different landscapes every day.

“Someday, I want to become a galactic adventurer.” Han thought in silence.

Everyone needed a dream, but Han’s only goal right now was to make it to the Galactic Meet’s main competition and avoid having his home become the colony of another empire. Otherwise, if Han

comes back from an adventure in Milky Way and oh shit, his home is gone, that would be a really sad thing.

With the communicator, Han called the long waiting transport troops on the periphery, and they took all the equipment back to the Nazca base to distribute it to the troops.

Despite being second-hand goods from the dark net, all the soldiers were very happy. After all, they now finally have their own equipment. With the perennial lack of funding, espers on Earth are actually very easy to satisfy.

The routine life continued, training, studying, practicing tactics, and one and a half month passed in the blink of an eye. During that time, the problem with galactic pirates and raiders became even more severe.

Due to the powerful Atlantic Cruiser that was guarding Earth, the galactic raiders did not dare to openly loot, but instead, they always rushed to a small city to grab whatever valuables they could before fleeing.

Han and the soldiers in the 1st Legion were very angry but they couldn't do anything. The raiders steal quickly and left quickly as well, making it very tough to prepare for these raids. Within just one and a half month, Earth was actually attacked more than 100 times, averaging to about 3 times a day.

On the worst day, 9 attacks were recorded in one day which really brought panic to Earth. Now people didn't even dare to live

in small cities with insufficient defense, desperately swarming into big cities with better defense, causing all major cities to be overcrowded. On the streets, more and more homeless people appeared, and they are all lacking food and clothing.

Han knew, the raiders and pirates are that rampant because Thorn Bird's achievement was spread: one raiding group, looting the same planet multiple times and almost blew up Earth's C-class Extinction Domain.

After hearing it, other raiders and pirates naturally perceived Earth as a good bullying target, and they all began to target Earth.

Good people get bullied, obedient horses get ridden, the Galactic Meet haven't even started, and Earth's situation is already worsening.

Like usual, Han conducted several pharmacological tests and headed towards the training center, where there were a series of pools of cold water constructed specifically for Han.

Before even entering the door, Han already saw the depressed Cheng Zhong.

“My mom just called me, the city that my 2nd Aunt lived in were attacked by a group of galactic pirates, my 2nd uncle was hit by a stray bullet and had to get his leg amputated. He's going to live the rest of his life in a wheel chair... And my two little cousins, just 8 or 9 years old little girls, they were so scared that their face turned blue, aside from crying, they couldn't even speak a whole

sentence.”

“My mom asked me, aren’t you a soldier? Where were you when your 2nd aunt’s house was attacked? Why weren’t you on the battle field? I didn’t even know how to f**king answer!”

“I’m so pissed! What the f**k is Long Chuan doing? Why didn’t he dispatch us to defend Earth? Why form 1st Legion if all we do is training and more training? If we can’t even protect the city our family lives in, then what the f**k are we training for?! Han, you tell me, don’t you agree with me?”

Cheng Zhong was very loud and the whole training center heard it, the An Beibei with two beautiful thin legs also pinched his waist and said, “Cheng Zhong’s right, last month my dad went on a business trip to a small town and that city also got attacked. He almost didn’t make it home! Now I told my dad to quit his job since my government bonus is good enough to feed my family, I’m never putting my family under risk again.”

The impatient Parker cried, “One and a half month and there are 139 attacks! Did the pirates really think of Earth as a soft punching bag?! Han, let’s go together and protest against Long Chuan! What are we still training for? It’s more urgent to assign everyone to defense to prevent more attacks!”

Since the last time Han stomped the group of 4-stars led by Xin Beige, he naturally became the leader of the group. Plus, they have all been practicing the Wolf Fang tactic and it was led by Han, so everyone formed the habit of discussing things with Han first.

The recent series of attacks on Earth angered everyone.

Han lowered his forehead, came to the glass window and looked out at the open, and he said in a deep voice, “Look.”

“Look at what? It’s just snowing. I’ve seen it multiple times back at home.” Nicholas from Siberia said in a careless tone.

Han shook his head, he pointed and whispered, “Look, 1st Legion’s practicing in the snow again, and Long Chuan is personally leading the team. These large-scale trainings went from once every three days to now daily.”

“And each soldier are training with a full set of equipment on, all commanders were present at the training, even Chief Talin of United Government flies to Nazca base every few days, do you guys not feel that tense atmosphere of an approaching war?”

After listening to Han, everyone was shocked.

Cheng Zhong scratched his big head and said, “Speaking about that, I have a friend that manages logistics on Atlantic Cruiser, he’s currently super busy loading large number of supplies and he didn’t even have time to answer my phone.”

Xin Beige stroked his chin and said, “That also reminds me, my cousin’s on the maintenance team on Atlantic Cruiser, and they are all busy doing first-class maintenance for the cruiser, all the

equipment including the toilets were completely checked. Maybe it's really like what you said, we are not making any moves because we are preparing for something big?"

Han slightly nodded and said, "We will wait and see. When I was doing experiments I occasionally observe what's happening outside. From what I saw, the atmosphere in the base is getting more and more intense. Long Chuan's office light hasn't been off for a long time, every day he was in the office working until dawn."

"If I were Long Chuan, I won't assign the soldiers of the legion to small cities for defense. Earth has a hundred and fifty million people, tens of thousands of small cities, what's the use of scattering our small legion?"

"There's a good old saying, deal with thieves you deal with their chief. If we want those space pirates and raiders to never dare setting a foot on Earth, then we have to fight a war that can prove that Earth's not a soft punching bag! We must let them know the price they pay for harassing Earth!"

"Is that true?"

"Great, we have all been waiting for this day!"

"Han, when do you think this battle is going to be? Who's our target?"

The crowd surrounded Han and they all asked.

Han thought about it and said, “It should be within the next two days. After all, the training frequency of the 1st Legion has brought the soldiers close to their limit. Right now, we will just patiently wait and not cause any trouble.”

“Got it!” Xin Beige nodded heavily, and he strode toward the training center.

“Where you going? Aren’t we going for bubble tea?” An Beibei yelled at Xin Beige.

“Not going, you go yourself.”

Xin Beige got into the training room, and there came immediately sounds of weapon slicing through air. Looks like Xin Beige is taking the initiative to increase his training load.

Han looked out the window in silence, the snow is coming down heavier, the whole world outside is covered in white. 1st Legion’s high intensity training is still going, the soldiers’ figure gradually turned into a bunch of black specks in the distance.

Chapter 55: Tragedy At Sydney

Two more days passed by, Han soaked himself in the cold water with a temperature unimaginable by ordinary people. Now, Han is able to withstand water as cold as -110 degrees Celsius, and train within it for 3 hours without getting harmed.

At the end of training, Han climbed out of the ultra-cold pool, white steam pouring off of his crimson red skin.

Gabon~

Han swallowed a Nuclear Energy Pill, which was an illegal drug that was used to temporarily increase source energy. It could stimulate the zero-degree brain region to produce and release source energy in large scale. Every year, millions of soldiers died or became paralyzed due to taking Nuclear Energy Pills, so it had long been recognized as the most dangerous forbidden drug by the Milky Way Alliance.

But, Han had the very unique toxin-resistant body, so now he could not only take Nuclear Energy pills on a daily bases, but he would take it once before and once after training. If normal soldiers were like Han and ate these pills like candy, it was probably enough to kill them more than 100 times.

Shua~

Large amounts of source energy started to surge into Han's body, clearing out his fatigue and filling his body with energy. Every

after going through as much as 3 hours and 40 minutes of extreme training, Han still felt like he had the energy to fight a few rounds with anyone.

This was the power that only belonged to Han. He practiced like crazy, studied like crazy, and consumed drugs that no one else dared to use like crazy, so his level was increasing like a rocket.

There was a mirror inside the training room, Han faced the mirror and put on his jacket. Very distinct muscles were bulging on his body. If someone were to go up and feel Han's biceps, they would notice that Han's muscles were way too special and felt as tough as steel, completely unlike the type of muscles that humans were supposed to have.

That was a side effect of undergoing long term extreme training, aside from drastically leveling up, Han had also become as tough as a robot. He once practiced with the highest level esper on the team that wasn't him, Xin Beige. Xin Beige was a 4-star intermediate esper, who was recognized as a proud genius that was hard to spot in millions. He was an existence with a power source index close to 50,000.

It was just a melee fight without using power, but it was already way too difficult for the Xin Beige with nearly 10 times as much power source index units to end the fight with a draw against Han. Han's muscles were too solid, it was like wearing a full set of armor, giving him a high tolerance for melee attacks and Xin Beige could barely hurt him. On the other hand, whenever Han landed a punch on Xin Beige, it was usually painful enough to make him scream.

In conclusion, under the mentorship of that odd fellow Pathless Origin, Han grew at an unprecedented speed, radiating the aura of a monster and becoming less and less like a normal human.

The equipment at the training facility were very advanced, inside the room there was a high configuration computer with a large screen. Han took off his necklace, took out the dark net login program inside the USB and habitually found Pathless Origin.

As Han got more familiar with Pathless, they started to use video chat. Now, Pathless wasn't as cold as before but he became even stricter with Han. Even if there was a tiny mistake during training, Pathless would criticize Han like there was no tomorrow.

Han saw that strict old face of Pathless, smiled lightly and said, "Teacher, I finished your mission. I think I can go to -120 degrees Celsius water to train."

Pathless slightly nodded, and started to carefully review Han's training record today. The portable physiological assessing machine Han carried will send his daily training records to Pathless, and the records included heartbeat, blood pressure, source energy consumption, and a lot more.

Han slowly realized, Pathless wasn't just give Han training advices casually, there seemed to be some sort of science behind it, like when to lower temperature, when to increase intensity. Pathless decided these things all based on the recorded data.

Pathless slightly nodded, “Alright, Power Source Index at 4257 units, according to Milky Way’s current level standard, you are now an intermediate 3-star esper, and all indicators are excellent. Tomorrow you will enter the -120 degrees Celsius pool, and your training goal is still to practice the 46 Ensemble.”

Han scratched his head and said, “Teacher, why still 46 Ensemble? Now I’m like the odd one in my battalion. I’m already at the level of intermediate 3 stars and I still only know the 46 Ensemble, I didn’t even study any other martial arts.”

Pathless glared at Han, “So? You are not satisfied?”

Han hastily shook his head and said, “Nope I’m fine with that, I always trust Teacher’s arrangement.”

Then, Han said. “Recently, Earth’s situation is worsening. Yesterday, Earth was attacked 13 times and that’s the worst so far. There was even a raiding group that attempted to attack a large scale city on Earth and caused heavy casualties.”

“But our 1st Legion have been training like crazy these days to prepare for war, the troops would practice from morning all the way to night. The chief of our legion visits us daily to see how the practice of Wolf Fang is going.”

“Teacher, if I guess correctly, just in the next two days, we are probably going to war.”

Pathless slightly raised his eyelids, then nodded and said, “I’m aware of your situation, you feel like if you can learn a bit of martial arts then you can perform better on the battle field right?”

“That’s my intention.” Han didn’t try to hide it.

Pathless sighed, “To be honest, you are indeed at the stage to learn martial arts, but not mentioning this battle, two months later when you are doing your last test for the pressure exam, you will need martial arts more at that time”

“But you must know, you are a bit different from others. Other people learning martial arts might be a good thing, but for you, it’s a disadvantage in most cases. After all, your power and combat features are too different. Picking a style of martial arts, you must be careful and careful and more careful.”

“As to the war you are going to be fighting, don’t worry. Your body now is tougher than anyone’s, your toxin-resistance is stronger than anyone’s, and your power is also unique. These three are your foundation. If you can exert the true battle spirit on top of that foundation, and be able to freely bring into play the features of 46 Ensemble, then you are already an excellent fighter.”

Han thought a bit, nodded and said, “I got it. Being desperate for speed might actually slow me down. Rather than cramming it all at once, I’m better off just focusing on how to fully utilize what I already know.”

After training, Han still needed to take the comrades at the

Talent Battalion to practice the Wolf Fang tactic together. Han saw that it was almost time, he said goodbye to Pathless, left his personal training room and went to the lobby.

Han saw that everyone was already there, surrounded by the big screen and watching intently, while An Beibei was nervously dialing her phone on the side.

“Let’s go, we are starting!” Han waved his arm and said.

Strangely, no one responded, these people were all very energetic about training before.

Cheng Zhong turned around, said in a deep quiet voice, “Let’s wait a bit, Sydney was attacked.”

Han was seriously shocked, he hastily came to the screen and saw that it was broadcasting the famous Sydney Opera House. That once symbolic landmark was now engulfed in flames, and that shell-shaped structure completely collapsed.

The camera slowly panned out, the whole city was in a mess with countless spots of flame dotting the entire city, and the sounds of sirens and commotion in the distance.

At the side of a shattered street, there was a broken street light pole pressing down on a mother, who had curled up to protect her little son. That little boy was crying loudly, but no matter how hard he cried, his mother still didn’t wake up.

A skyscraper collapsed, and under the ruins a thin arm broke the surface. Obviously, this arm belongs to a young woman. She pointed her finger at the sky, and her voice crying for help began to faint. Under the rubble, it's still unknown how many lives were buried, maybe they lost their consciousness before even getting a chance to shout for help.

The camera on the helicopter constantly switched scenes, broadcasting the tragedy that took place in the Sydney city. The live TV broadcast was in awkward silence, perhaps even the broadcaster didn't know what to say at a time like this.

An Beibei still kept on calling, but the phone was always playing the busy tone.

Xin Beige let out a quiet sigh, and said to Han in a low voice, "Her family is in Sydney."

Han didn't say anything, and everyone was quiet.

Suddenly, the always cheerful An Beibei finally broke out of silence, smashing her phone against the wall into pieces, and finally punching the alloy wall, punch after punch.

AHHHHHHHHHHH!

It's hard to imagine that the sound coming out of the throat of such a beautiful girl was not the painful cry of a beast. An Beibei

rushed out of the lobby into the yard, facing the starry sky she finally cried, the cry was that painful and hopeless.

“I will go see her, you guys keep on training.” Xin Beige stood up and said.

“At this point, who even has the thought to train?!” Cheng Zhong patted his head with his big hand and said with red eyes.

Xin Beige’s figure finally stopped, he didn’t look back but said, “Originally, I shouldn’t say this. But my cousin that’s working on the Atlantic cruiser told me, they were ordered that at the latest tonight, the ship must finish its 1st class maintenance.”

“Han, I think you guessed it. Tonight might be the last joint training we have before leaving so it’s very important.”

Chapter 56: Gathering

After hearing about the confirmation of finally going to war, everyone participated in the last joint training with great enthusiasm. In the training camp, the majority of the espers were young people so past training sessions were always full of laughter. But now, everyone was silent, and they were trying their best to suppress their rage.

The news media continued to criticize the 1st Legion for not defending Earth. For the past few weeks, Earth was constantly under attack, and that has already worn down the citizens mentally. The Sydney event became the fuse that detonated all the pressure that the citizens were under.

People began to question, when Earth was getting attacked again and again and again, where was that 1st Legion that the United Government of Earth invested so heavily in? Why didn't they stand up and protect Earth?

With the Thorn Birds gang as the lead, all the active pirate groups near Earth had gathered together and attacked this major city that was located in Australia.

Since Sydney was located in Oceania, which was far away from the mainland and didn't have immediate access to large-scale reinforcement, the pirates and raiders were able to act brazenly.

Worse, after several big pirate groups swept clean Sydney, the pirates actually started firing at the city using the cannons on their

battleships, razing this beautiful coastal city to the ground as well as causing heavy casualties.

Undoubtedly, the pirates and raiders were full of contempt for Earth, completely ignoring Earth's government and army.

Although many espers were in the army, the few espers left still living in the towns still stood up bravely against the intruders, and actively cooperated with the police to resist the invasion. Of course, many of them were never leaving the battlefield ever again.

Unfortunately, the raging citizens couldn't see that, and the media directed all the hostility towards the Esper Administration. There were even voices of doubt among the United Government's House of Commons.

After a full 4 hours of joint training, Han ordered dismissal but the majority of them didn't leave the training base and continued to strengthen themselves in other subjects.

Han knew, all his comrades felt helpless. It was not that they didn't want to protect the civilians, but they were restricted to the barracks.

An Beibei had stopped crying and locked herself away in the training.

Han let out a small sigh and walked out of the training center. He

came to the yard. The snow had stopped but the air was still unusually cold, the weather this year here was quite unusual, and no one knows why.

Han saw a slim dark shadow in the dark, it was Long Chuan, and he was coughing violently in the dark.

Han slightly frowned and walked over to him. Long Chuan saw Han and offered him a cigarette, Han shook his head and refused.

“All the members of the Genius camp probably hates me now right?” Long Chuan smiled bitterly and said.

Han replied, “Not really hate, at most they just feel depressed,”

Long Chuan said bitterly, “You are very honest, it doesn’t matter. Hate or not hate, I don’t care. Sometimes, in order to achieve a strategic goal it’s necessary to make sacrifices.”

Han nodded, “So we are really going to war?”

Long Chuan didn’t deny it, he looked down at the time and said in a deep voice, “There are still 3 hours. You still have some time to sleep.”

Han shook his head, “I can’t sleep, so I will go back and pack up.”

“Okay.” Long Chuan said emotionlessly.

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Han laid on his bed, stared out the window into the night. Long Chuan said that we are leaving after 3 hours, and that was at 3 o'clock in the morning. Han already packed the things he needed to bring in his Blue Spatial ring. Although the room inside the ring wasn't too big, only 1 meter cubed of space, but it was still enough to hold weapons, his combat suit and many medicinal drugs.

At a quarter past two, the base suddenly lit up, all the spotlights were instantly turned on and followed by a hard military siren.

Han sat up from his bed, took his backpack and went straight out of the room.

All the members of the training camp all lived on the same floor, Han just stepped out of the door and he saw Cheng Zhong, Xin Beige, Nicholas, and the others. Everyone's heart seems to share the same beat, they all packed up long ago and were ready to roll. Cheng Zhong carried a giant three hundred liter travel bag, and Han knew that it was full of high-calorie foods, the essential source of Cheng Zhong's battle strength.

An Beibei also came out. She had changed into her battle suit, showing the curves of her body, but her eyes were still red and she didn't look too well-rested.

Everyone went out in silence, and followed the main troop to board the long-waiting Atlantic Cruiser. From the sound of siren to

everyone boarding the cruiser, it only took 35 minutes. Although it was recently formed, but everyone in the 1st Legion seemed to be already very well trained.

After all, these were the elites chosen from the 150 thousand espers, so the 1st Legion's combat power was definitely the highest in the entire army of Earth.

Han laid beside the porthole looking down, he saw the three giants of Esper Administration saying farewell to each other, Li Yu, Talin, and Long Chuan. Of the three, only Long Chuan will command the 1st Legion into battle, and the other two will stay behind to defend Earth.

In the current organization of Earth's army, aside from the 1st Legion of over 10 thousand members, there were only several Special Tactics teams from Headquarter and other branches. On the Atlantic Cruiser, Han saw Chu Li and his 4 Special Tactics teams from the Shanghai Division, which meant that the whole region of Shanghai was currently only being defended by one team, and that was a total of only 11 espers.

Clearly, the operation was out in full strength, putting all their cards on the line.

“Long Chuan is probably under a lot of pressure...” Han laid in front of the windows and thought silently.

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“I’m leaving all the resources of the Administration in your hands, so for this war, make Earth proud! You are only allowed to win!” Talin said in a deep voice in Long Chuan.

Long Chuan slightly nodded, smiled and said, “Leave it to me. According to our intelligence, the Thorn Bird Raiding group is already gathering. Without the cooperation of such a large group, Earth will face less pressure. But you guys still have to be on guard. After all, I’m taking all soldiers with me, and our home is just an empty shell for now.”

Li Yu pointed at himself and Talin, “Look at us, do we f***ing look dead to you? Just take care of your team, and leave everything at home to us two. Don’t worry about anything!”

“Understood, Bye!”

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Long Chuan stood at attention, and paid a very standard salute to Li Yu and Talin. Li Yu and Talin solemnly saluted back.

Turning around, Long Chuan lightly coughed twice, and started walking forward in big steps. The north wind blew, Long Chuan’s slim yet tall and straight figure soon disappeared in the wind.

Li Yu gritted his teeth and his eyes turned red, with a suppressed voice he said, “Long Chuan’s illness is getting worse. This time he’s putting everything on the line, he’s probably didn’t think

about coming back alive.”

Talin nodded slightly, and said in a very deep voice, “I know. Before passing away, he wants to do something for the planet he love so much. As friend, the only thing we can do is to not stop him. Long Chuan is a true warrior, he has his own pride and glory.”

Shua~

Loaded with the one and only esper legion, the Atlantic Carrier ejected intense blue flames out of its engines, ascended into the sky, and then disappeared into the starry night sky in the blink of an eye.

Chapter 57: Set Sail

The Atlantic Cruiser wasn't a troop transport ship but 12 thousand soldiers were crammed in with an additional 8000 crew members that were already onboard, so it was very crowded. Rooms had not been assigned so everyone was stationed in the hallway with their luggage and equipment.

Most people here were leaving Earth for the first time so everyone was curious to take a look from the port window and see their home planet getting smaller and smaller, eventually becoming a humble black speck in space.

Only by being in space could humans feel their insignificance. The deep sky outside was seemingly endless, so vast and extensive, and triggering mixed feelings for the warriors visiting space for the first time.

To have a home in such a desolate vast universe, it was not an easy thing but could still be counted as a blessing for the humans on Earth. If one day Earth gets colonized by another empire, then I'm afraid that most of the people here today would become homeless, wandering endlessly in the Milky Way.

The beautiful and fertile Earth was the shared home for all of mankind on the planet. Unfortunately, there weren't a lot of civilians on Earth that had any combat strength, leaving the burden and tremendous pressure of protecting their homeland to the small group of espers.

Shua~

The Atlantic opened up a transition channel and a bright circle appeared, lighting up the dark sky like a holy aura.

The Atlantic Cruiser went into the transition channel, and as the channel shuts, the cruiser began to move across the space. Its surroundings are no longer starry sky but only colorful streams of light passing by at the speed of light, the scene was extremely dream-like.

Cough cough

Suddenly, the all-channel broadcasted on the Atlantic, the soldiers heard the iconic cough of the 5-star esper Admiral Long Chuan. He cleared his throat, and said in a deep voice, “Atlantic, this is your captain and commander for this operation, Long Chuan.”

“Here’s our tactical layout!” Cheng Zhong was suddenly shocked, and he nudged Han to listen carefully to the announcement. The Atlantic suddenly became unusually quiet.

Long Chuan paused and then said, “As we all know, recently Earth was under constant attack from pirates and raiders. After the enemies took turns to attack, there were a large number of civilian casualties which placed the rest of citizens in panic.”

“According to our intelligence, we know that these attacks were

in fact caused by someone who hired the Thorn Birds gang to lead organized crime groups in the hopes of creating chaos. Their goal was likely to cause the civilians to lose hope in Earth's United Government and military. That way, on the Milky Way Meeting, the enemy can use 'The Government on Earth cannot maintain normal order on their own grounds' as a reason to take control of Earth. Ultimately, they wish to colonize Earth, and then raid Earth's resources and population.

“As a soldier of the United Government, as the strongest esper legion in the United Government Army, we cannot allow that to happen!”

“So the United Government authorized me to gather the United Government's Air Force, the Atlantic Fleet, the Esper Administration's 1st Legion and the Special Forces to advance into the lair of the Thorn Bird gang and to launch the final attack!”

“This operation's code name is Divine Sword! There's only one goal, and that is the total elimination of all existing Thorn Bird raiders and criminal groups threatening Earth! While they are all gathered on one planet to hold a join assembly, we will seize this opportunity to annihilate them all! Fully eradicating the enemy's threat to Earth!”

“Since we chose to fight, then we must eliminate the enemies! Cripple them! Stomp them until they no longer dare to even come close to Earth! From now on, the Atlantic Cruiser will enter radio silence during the voyage, with an estimated time of 24 hours before entering the battlefield. May god be with you!”

“Over!”

After Long Chuan’s speech ended, everyone finally realized how crazy of a battle this is. Directly finding the enemy’s gathering spot, and then fight head on against the raiders?!

The advantage of this is obvious, if successful, then we will eliminate all these nasty raiders and pirates in one fell swoop, fully eradicating their threat to Earth. If that fails, Earth will lose most of their elite troops and never be able to recover.

From Long Chuan to normal soldiers, everyone was feeling tremendous pressure. After all, this was the first large-scale war after the establishment of the United Government, and also the first war outside of Earth, so everyone was very nervous.

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The head of the Thorn Bird Gang, Lucas, was recently described to be having his best luck. He got an important order from the Sally Empire to cooperate with the nearby notorious criminal organizations to harass Earth, with everything being funded by the empire.

The Sally Empire was located in Centaurus, which was only a few hours of flight beside the solar system where Earth resided. They had long desired Earth’s environment and its untapped B-class domain, and they were not stopping until they got what they want.

The only problem is, above the empire, there was still the Milky Way Alliance. Depriving Earth of its sovereignty and colonizing it was not a tough task for those empires in the Milky Way, as long as they can prove that Earth was too weak to sustain normal operations and couldn't guarantee the safety of civilians.

But how could they prove that the federal government couldn't protect themselves nor their citizens?

It was simple, just hire criminals to attack. Then, the evidence of Earth being too weak to defend and retaliate against these attacks will be added to the public documentation at the meeting of the Milky Way Alliance in two months. If this was to happen, then it would make the Sally Empire's proposition to colonize Earth a lot easier to pass.

Now, the Thorn Birds Gang was regarded as the Sally Empire's imperial agents to gather everyone. The Thorn Birds had 5000 fighters, placing them as one of the largest among all the nearby criminal groups. Chief Lucas was also an intermediate 5-star soldier with a level approaching quasi-warlord, he had the strongest fighting strength among all the nearby criminals.

Although the plan of having multiple pirate and raider groups attack Earth seemed to be a good plan, it still had its problems. Since outlaws didn't have rules, many problems would arise. Who contributed more but were not rewarded any money as well as those who hid and didn't participate but were paid anyways.

After nearly two months of experimental attacks, Lucas also discovered the problem, the existing scale of attacks was not

enough to completely embarrass Earth and bring it to its knees.

What the Sally Empire wanted was 24-hours harassment, and it was best to completely cripple Earth. As to how many people died on Earth, it was not their concern at all. After all, the Sally Empire just wanted the territories and extinction domains but not the civilians on Earth. The empire already have enough civilians to care about.

Since the contractor demanded a higher requirement, Lucas and his Thorn Bird raiding group needed to find a way to get it done. The counsellor Di Fu came up with an idea. Instead of assigning groups to individual missions, it was better to just unite all the pirate and raider groups into one, and have Lucas command them all. After the contractor's satisfied then all groups will be dismissed, and those groups will all be paid based on the percentage contribution in terms of battleships and soldiers.

This idea is obviously wise, because during and after the war, the Thorn Birds could also eliminate a few of those smaller and weaker groups along the way, and take over their people and ships for themselves.

The greedy Lucas felt that Di Fu's idea was very good so they held the alliance meeting on planet No. N65871 to discuss the team up plan and implementation of strategies in more detail. The other pirate and raider groups all agreed because of the money. After all, the Sally Empire was very generous.

Shua~

Shua~

Battleships of various sizes arrived one after another to this dirt yellow barren planet. The outlaws started setting up tents in the desert, and then went on to eating and drinking while discussing matters of how to attack Earth together.

But, they could never have dreamed, a heavy battlecruiser carrying the elite espers of Earth was also heading this way.

Chapter 58: Close The Doors, Let The Dogs Out

When the outlaws gathered together, three things definitely wouldn't be missing: alcohol, women, and gambling.

Looking around, with the desert as the center, the scene was full of sights like drunk men doing adult things to women, and people swearing and gambling everywhere.

In a white tent, the head of the Thorn Bird Raiders, Lucas, with two women in his arms, was sitting together with the chiefs of other outlaw groups. In comparison to their men that were fooling around outside, they were behaving in a civilized manner.

“Come on, let's finish this cup! From today, we make money together and spend it together!” Lucas raised his full glass of ale and proposed a toast.

The head of the Gerbil Pirate group, Donald, rubbed his mouth, and said cautiously, “I don't have anything against the money offer, the golden contractor behind this is generous enough. But we still have to be careful, after all Earth is still a country, their esper population exceeds ours and they also have a heavy battlecruiser.”

The Mad Cloud Raiders' chief, Amir, disagreed, “What kind of shit country is Earth?! It just joined the Milky Way Alliance a few years ago, and they got nothing other than that Ke Lake and the Air-Fortress class cruiser, there's nothing to worry about. We will

just follow Lucas's plan, take turns to execute that 24-hour battle every day until Earth is on its knees!"

"Oh by the way, Lucas, the golden contractor really did say, if he successfully takes ownership of Earth he will let us go berserk and kill on Earth for three days and three nights?"

Lucas nodded, "Of course, our boss only wants Earth and he obviously don't want the burden that comes with Earth. The more people we kill and abducted, the more hassle we save for our boss so of course they are happy with it."

Amir laughed out loud, "Nice! I love working for this type of boss! I heard that the quality of chicks on Earth is pretty good. After we are done I'm going to grab a few ships of them!"

All the chiefs started laughing, the Sally Empire agreed that once it colonized Earth after the Milky Way Gathering (TL: previously known as Galactic Meet), they will allow the pirates and raiders to do whatever they want on Earth for 3 days, and that was something the outlaws were very willing to do.

However, the always cautious Donald said again, "Chief Lucas, our intelligence reported that Earth's heavy cruiser disappeared. Now that our alliance is settled, why not let us go back so that our base isn't vulnerable with most of our troops here."

Lucas sneered, and threw his glass at the table, "Chief Donald, you've been just a pussy since the beginning, is it that you don't want to make money together with us? If so, then leave and I

won't stop you!"

He pointed to the sky and continued in a deep voice, "You take a look yourself, we have a fleet size of more than 30 warships, just the ones in the air on watch is already more than a dozen, rotating on 6 hour shifts. Earth in total has one cruiser, so it's even better if it comes! After destroying Earth's only battleship, then it would be even easier to take down Earth!"

"Well said!"

"They won't dare to come even if we give them 100 guys. Donald, man, you think too much!"

All the other chiefs didn't worry too much. Seeing everyone being so dismissive about his words, Donald chugged down a glass of alcohol and displayed a downhearted mood.

Starships relied on transition channels for mobility. If Earth's Atlantic Cruiser wanted to attack the outlaws, they first had to create an artificial wormhole, and then let the starship through the wormhole to arrive in the combat zone.

The key stage was here. The outlaws had air defense, so the moment the transition channel opened up, before the Atlantic Cruiser even entered the territory, the defending battleships would already begin its ferocious attacks on the Atlantic. Most likely, the Atlantic would explode before it even leaves the transition channel.

These outlaw chiefs were not worried at all because they really didn't believe that Earth will send their only battleship to die.

“Come on, cheers!” Lucas was right in the middle of having fun, and he gave another toast.

BOOM!

His voice just faded, and in the desert not too far away, a sudden burst of wind started blowing. The dust covered the sky, the ground started shaking violently, all the food and drink on the tables scattered over the ground, and all the outlaws that were having fun all stood up and looked towards that direction.

Lucas slightly frowned, could it be a sandstorm?

Although the planet N65871 had an atmosphere as well as oxygen that was essential for the survival of humans, but it already went through desertification. There was severe weather, lack of water, and frequent earthquakes and sandworms. This planet was uninhabitable by Galactic standards and that was why the outlaws could easily occupy and hide on it.

But before the gathering, Lucas already ordered someone to predict the weather and there shouldn't be any large scale sandstorms appearing. Could there be an error in their calculation?

After a few seconds, the earth began trembling even harder and

the outlaws began to panic and start to slowly retreat.

Rumble~

There came an extremely loud noise powerful to almost shatter eardrum. It was very similar to the sound of high-speed rotations of a battleship engine when the space transition ends.

“It’s a transition channel!”

“OH SHIT! Someone’s driving their ship straight into the desert!”

“Run! Hurry and retreat!”

“Call air support! Call air support!”

In the sky, a huge black shadow appeared, it was the Atlantic! Earth’s only heavy battle cruiser!

Air defense?

Under the command of Long Chuan, the Atlantic Cruiser skipped right past the air defense! He didn’t establish Atlantic’s endpoint of the transition channel in space but directly in front the outlaws face!

No sane captain would do something like this, because opening

up the channel directly near the planet's surface was way too risky. If there was any error and the channel opened up not at the surface of the planet but beneath the surface, then the spaceship would immediately become an excavator and get buried alive.

In addition, when the transition channel opens up, if it inhales too much sand and rocks, then the channel become instable which also leads to a horrible result.

In the instruction manual of starships, it stated clearly that the transitional channel needed to be established away from any physical object, and Long Chuan completely ignored it because he knew very well if he used conventional tactics, then there was no way he could eliminate this group of outlaws. If Earth wanted to win in adversity, then they should be the greatest risk!

Kacha~

Kacha~

Before Atlantic came to a full stop, two huge noises sounded at the same time, one was the sound of the detonation of a super interceptor bomb, and the other noise was the sound of Atlantic's landing door opening up!

BOOM~

With the detonation of the interceptor bomb, a cloud of bright light quickly surrounded the entire barren planet.

Interceptor bombs could release strong interference waves for 30 minutes, capable of stopping engines from starting and depriving all battleships of their mobility, it was a tactical weapon that sacrificed 800 to destroy 1000. The moment it was activated, the battleships of both the ally and foe were all staying! No one could even think about leaving!

Shua~

The 12 battleships on watch in space couldn't move at all because of the interference from the bomb, being unable to provide any support to their allies on the ground. The same situation went for the ships parked on the ground.

Under the orders of the godly commander Long Chuan, the Atlantic was like a sharp knife that went straight into the hinterland of the enemy! At the expense of their own mobility, the Atlantic immobilized all 30 or so battleships on the raiders and pirates' side!

Success! Long Chuan's insane Divine Sword operation really succeeded!

The United Government of Earth with only one battleship, really forced the outlaws with over 30 ships into a dead corner!

The protector of Earth Ke Lake was no longer here. That was really unfortunate.

But Earth still had its godly commander of the generation, Long Chuan!

His stratagem, courage, and plotting were all unparalleled in the world!

Now, the door is closed. The next step is, release the dogs!

Kacha~

The landing door of Atlantic completely opened, and more than 12 thousand of Earth's finest espers all rushed out! They have been suppressed for way too long! And they rushed out like a tsunami of mad dogs!

Earth vs. Outlaw Alliance, the war broke out immediately!

Chapter 59: All On The Line

The war had broken out in the desert!

More than 12 thousand espers soldiers rushed out of the Atlantic. They have been supressing their rage for a long time, and now they all ran out like a group of mad dogs towards those raiders that were in the middle of having fun.

In the past few months, Earth was under constant attack from these outlaws and suffered great casualties.

Now, the only way out was laid in front of the soldiers from Earth: if they wanted to prevent these tragedies from happening again, they have to eliminate all these enemies in front of them right now! Stomp them until they no longer dared to set foot on Earth.

Rumble!

Just as the soldiers flooded towards the enemies, the Atlantic also began its violent battle with the pirate battleships.

Although the interception bomb could paralyze the engine, it couldn't interfere with the energy and weapon systems so the battleships could still fire their cannons.

The Atlantic opened up its four missile launchers and fired towards the sky, bombarding those battleships that were stuck. It

also started firing its heavy cannon into the sky even though, at the same time the Atlantic was also under heavy fire from enemy ground fire. As Earth's only battleship, it had no choice but to rely on its energy shield and thick metal armor to defend against the enemy attacks.

The battle situation was very tricky, Atlantic chose to not target ground units and focused all their effort on bringing down the 4 destroyers and 8 frigates in the air. This was a strange tactic, because the raiders had more battleships parked on the ground, there were at least 6 destroyers and 19 frigates.

The Atlantic's firepower strength was undoubtedly powerful. Its primary cannons could one shot an enemy frigate, and its heavy canons only needed 7-8 shots to sink an enemy frigate. Although the enemy's destroyers had very tough defenses, against the cruiser class warship's heavy firepower, they could hardly last more than 30 seconds under the Atlantic's full onslaught.

However, even if the Atlantic could completely shoot down all the enemy battleships in space, what about the other 25 parked on the ground? Now their cannons were all locked onto the Atlantic, under the siege of so many enemy ships, the Atlantic's energy defense system started quickly depleting. Could Long Chuan be planning on giving up Earth's only battleship?

On the ground battle, the one leading the charge was the United Government's 1st Legion, personally led by Long Chuan. Han and his Wolf Fang squad was placed behind the 1st Legion, and behind them were the special tactic squads from different major branches of the Esper Administration.

This was also an arrangement that Han couldn't get his head around. Placing the crucial squad that could both attack and defend in the rear, Han could still understand. Long Chuan didn't want to lose the young talents that were Earth's hope of competing in the Milky Way Gathering, so he wanted them to execute coordination and support missions.

But what about the special tactics squad?

Different from the 1st Legion, Special Tactics troops were the senior troops on Earth and they have been cooperating with each other for years. Other than the fact that they were smaller with only 2000 members, their fighting strength was ahead of the 1st Legion for sure.

However, Long Chuan placed such a strong army in the very rear rather than having them lead the charge, it didn't meet the conventional tactical arrangements.

Rumble~

Kill them!

Suddenly, the 1st Legion that was leading the charge had collided with the enemy. Large-scale battles among espers were very cruel. Both sides had powers, fire balls, ice arrows, tornadoes, all kinds of super powers appeared, and the chaos and anxiety of this battle was far from being comparable to conventional wars.

According to Long Chuan's arrangement, the two wings of Earth Federation Army consisted of espers that specialized in long range attacks, and the center assault troop primarily consisted of strength descent espers, the Monk that was good friends with Han was placed in the central assault team. This arrangement was conducive to strengthening fire coverage as it was also the typical blitzkrieg tactic.

Bang~

As the leader of the Wolf Fang squad, Han was not only responsible for assault, but he also needed to constantly observe their surroundings and maintain a clear head.

Just when he turned around to see how the Special tactic troops were doing, he was suddenly shot in the chest. The bullet hit his black Kylin suit and Han felt a burning pain. The outlaws began to use firearms to prevent the 1st Legion from advancing.

In modern warfare, the role of firearms had been extensively weakened. The modern firearms now generally used shell-less kinetic energy ammunition, where the warheads and propulsion mechanism were directly connected as one piece, eliminating the need to dispose shells when firing, and greatly increasing shooting speed and firepower.

Not only were the small to medium sized firearms using shell-less kinetic energy ammunition, even the Atlantic Cruiser's 600 heavy-caliber cannon also used this type of ammunition

Over all, heavy artillery still posed a deadly threat to espers, but the firearms generally wouldn't be able to penetrate the combat suits that espers wore. In addition, all espers had a layer of source energy protection, so unless a heavy firearm of over 37 caliber was used, the bullets wouldn't even be able to penetrate source energy protective layer, not to mention being able to kill espers.

The real significant threats to esper soldiers were laser weapons. However, these weapons used a lot of energy, nor were there handheld models. Most of them existed in the form of guns armed on ships, and the smallest laser weapon in the Milky Way still needed a strength descent esper to be able carry it. It was very costly and heavy, so it's not suitable for large-scale investment.

Brothers, let's charge!

Han did not care that he was hit by a bullet, but what he was surprised to find was that all of the special tactic troops started sprinting!

They received clear instructions and quickly passed through the Wolf Fang squad that was originally in front of them, they split up into smaller units and started rushing towards those parked enemy ships in the rear of the battlefield.

Suddenly, Han finally understood Long Chuan's intention. The special tactic troops were at the very rear because they were given a very difficult mission, and that was to take advantage of the chaos of war to seize those enemy battleships on the ground.

After all, on this battlefield, the outlaws had up to 37 small and big battleships, positioning them in absolute dominance in terms of firepower. Although the Atlantic had heavy armor and firepower, but it still could not resist the continuous bombing from the enemy ships.

Hence the plan was to capture the enemy ships, seize them and then turn their fire around at the enemies!

They don't even need to seize all to be successful, as long as part of the special task force successfully controlled some enemy ships, the situation on the battlefield will be completely reversed!

“Let's go too!”

“Let's go, even the special tactics team is ahead of us now!”

“What are we waiting for? We are the Wolf Fang squad, why are we hiding behind our main force?”

Cheng Zhong and the impatient Parker were all shouting at Han. Everyone was young and hot blooded, seeing the front was already in the heat of battle and the special tactic forces behind them went all out too, then the Wolf Fang squad was really left behind everyone else, and became the “safest” troop in this battle.

Safe?

This was war!

The war with blood running and people dying every minute!

Saying a troop was safe was almost the same as insulting them! Wolf Fang's brothers all became blood boiled and anxious.

“All of you shut up! Be quiet!” Han turned around and shouted, “We are on a mission! Don't you guys get it?!”

Up until now, Long Chuan's tactics were very successful, the special tactic squads began quickly seizing control of enemy battleships, which really gave the unsuspecting raiders a surprised.

But not only did the pressure he was feeling not decrease by a single bit, it got even heavier.

It was because he knew very well, the strongest special tactical troops were now dispatched to execute the plan of seizing enemy ships, and that meant the crucial and difficult mission of annihilating as many as 15,000 raiders and pirates had totally fallen on the 1st Legion.

Without the support of the Special Tactical squads, the 1st Legion was now definitely at a huge disadvantage of fighting against the enemies' strongest ground troops at a numbers disadvantage of approximately to 2 to 3.

Chapter 60: Four Eyed Celestial Dragon!

Han finally understood Long Chuan's strategy, and he also realized the risk associated with this tactic. With the Atlantic cruiser facing the enemies in the sky while the special tactic teams seizing control of enemy battleships on the ground, there were no problems with these two moves and they could even be called a plan written by god, easily qualified to be included in textbooks.

But, there was a huge problem in this battle plan, and that was the 1st Legion plus Wolf Fang squad in total having only about 10,000 esper soldiers. Was it really enough to annihilate the enemy's 15,000 merciless galactic raiders?

If the 1st Legion cannot win this fight, then the tactics, no matter how brilliant they were, would be overshadowed. In this war, the ground battle was the key that decided everything. If the raiders won, then they will immediately provide reinforcements for their own fleet and attack the Atlantic, resulting in all of the previous tactics and achievements becoming completely overturned!

So, the 1st Legion must achieve complete victory. There was no other way!

As Han envisioned, the 1st Legion took advantage of the enemy's panic phase and achieved good results. Long Chuan led the vanguard and pushing forward nonstop, slaying countless raiders on the way.

But soon, the raiders got a firmer footing. Under the pressure of a

few powerful leaders' strong pressure, any deserter would be beheaded, leaving no choice for all the pirates and raiders but to strike back at Earth's army.

"I will kill whoever that dares to take a step back!" Lucas raised his arms and released two lightning bolts, instantly turning two retreating men into burned black carbon.

The chief of Thorn Bird raiders was not only an intermediate 5-star esper, but also an extremely powerful thunder descent esper! And thunder descent had an S rank among all super powers, equipped with high speed and powerful damage.

All other groups' chief also followed Lucas, and for those outlaws that had always been ruthless, they killed a crowd of raiders that were thinking of leaving without any hesitation.

"Fight or retreat, either way is death. Brothers, let's give it our all!"

"Kill those damn monkeys from Earth!"

"Kill them, and then we can go grab women on Earth!"

The pirates and raiders all rallied together out loud and began to strike back.

These people are all brutal murderers that could kill people without blinking. They had lived their lives licking blood off of

their weapons so they were extremely vicious when it comes to battling to the death.

Suddenly, the situation started to progress towards the unfavorable direction for the 1st Legion. After all, the 1st legion was just recently established. In terms of battle experience, they were not the outlaws' opponents, so when these raiders started to strike back desperately, the 1st Legion actually couldn't make any further advances, and the vanguard troops were stuck in a close combat situation.

At this moment, Long Chuan was at the center of the regiment leading the main attack, and he knew very well, in addition to tactics, what was also extremely important in war was momentum and morale!

There was a good old saying, do it in one breath, or then you will tire and finally you will be exhausted. If they can't take care of all the enemies at once, then with the 1st Legion's fewer numbers and without the reinforcement of special tactical troops, the situation will only get worse.

So far, the special tactical troops had successfully completed their mission and seized at least 4 enemy battleships, quickly turning their cannons around and started firing back at the raiders together with the Atlantic.

But, the special tactical troops and the Atlantic were already barely dealing with a large number of enemy battleships, so it was impossible for them to provide any reinforcements to the ground troops anytime soon.

The efficacy of interceptor bombs still had 27 more minutes before ending, so even if the special tactical troops and Atlantic could establish superiority in aerial warfare, they still wouldn't be able to fly around the battleground to provide reinforcements. Now, the 1st Legion could only rely on themselves and its 49 men Wolf Fang squad.

If not dealt with quickly, the enemies will only gain more advantages!

Long Chuan finally decided, he raised his arm and delivered a hint, it's the signal for everyone to take drugs!

Kaka kaka~

Seeing the signal, all soldiers quickly took out the long-prepared nuclear energy pills, and then swallowed it whole!

These were illegal drugs are from the Galactic Dark Net, one single pill could increase their source energy index by 50%.

That is, for a soldier that originally had 1000 units of power source index, after taking the nuclear energy pill, it will increase to 1500 units, substantially increasing the combat power.

Illegal drugs, they have become a characteristic of the Earth army. Drugs like nuclear energy pill were only sold on the dark net, and its usual buyers were criminals or killers. Who can expect

the official army of a country to take illegal drugs together?!

But in order to win, Long Chuan couldn't consider too much anymore, the stakes placed on this war was too much, almost dispatching all the elite forces on Earth and putting the fate of the entire planet of Earth on the line!

AHHHHHHHH~

The 1st Legion espers that were just feeling exhausted took the drug, and they immediately felt their body bursting with energy! Even their eyeballs turned red!

And Long Chuan, he threw a handful of drugs into his mouth when no one was looking. No one knew what types nor how many types of forbidden drugs he took, but in fact, Long Chuan was already giving this battle his all. Ever since the beginning, he didn't intend to go back to Earth alive!

The serious illness did not leave too much time for Long Chuan. For now, he was the strongest esper soldier on Earth. He felt that it was his duty to fulfil the obligations of a soldier during the last stage of his life, and that was to lead the United Government's troops and secure a historical iconic victory!

So, that was why Long Chuan would be this crazy this time, completely disregarding everything else!

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

Long Chuan let out a tremendous roar, raising his hands high above his head with white light gathering between his palms. Suddenly, a stream of light rose out and coiled into a giant dragon!

“Look! It’s Long Chuan’s Four Eyed Celestial Dragon!”

“So powerful! Wasn’t there a rumor saying that Long Chuan was seriously ill and no longer has the energy to summon his celestial dragon anymore? Looks like we really underestimated him.”

All the soldiers of the Wolf Fang squad saw the giant dragon that suddenly appeared in the sky and admired.

Not only did Long Chuan have the highest level, without the appearance of Han’s Void End, Long Chuan’s also the possessor of the strongest power on Earth! The rare source energy fantasy descent!

Espers that possessed this type of power could summon a eudemon through the release and materialization of their source energy. The shape of the eudemon differed based on the ability type. According to standards in the Milky Way, the eudemon that Long Chuan summoned should be called mad python, but since Long Chuan’s name had a “dragon” in it (TL: Long means dragon in Chinese), people were more willing to call this snake a celestial dragon.

Due to the overdose of nuclear energy pills, the dragon that Long Chuan summoned was a lot bigger and even more shocking than

any he summoned before!

The dragon had four eyes because Long Chuan's level was at the pinnacle of 4 stars. Although he was born with excellent talent, he could never make the final step to five stars, otherwise this dragon would be five eyed and also substantially more powerful.

Woooooooo~

The Four Eyed Celestial Dragon out! Both the heaven and earth were in shock!

Under the control of Long Chuan, this dragon started to rip through the enemy formations, tearing through any life it saw!

Because it was made of source energy, the celestial dragon wasn't afraid of any attacks and it was completely fearless! It drove the pirates and raiders right into disarray!

“F**k! They actually have a source energy fantasy descent!”

“Such a powerful snake! We can't hold it anymore! We must retreat!”

The raiders and pirates were all crying, just when they finally established a firm foothold, they were forced to retreat.

The situation was reversed again!

The 1st Legion's powerful offense was like the tidal wave, giving the enemy so much pressure that they couldn't even breath!

Long Chuan looked up proudly, watching the retreating enemies, he decided to inject a cardiac stimulant to this war!

“Let the Wolf Fang group go to right wing! We must remain resolved and win this war!” Long Chuan said to his deputy Ge Ce in a hoarse voice and bloody red eyes.

Chapter 61: The Wolf Fang That's Everywhere

On the planet number N65871, the war was still going.

On the situation of capturing the starships, the special tactical forces really maximized the effect with this surprise attack and within only 3 minutes, they managed to take over 2 destroyers and 5 frigates.

Their attacks were quite brutal. They would immediately rush to the targeted ship, place explosives on the outside of the pressurized capsule, blow the gate open and then charge in to kill all enemies inside. After seizing control of the ship, they would finally start bombarding heavily at other enemy ships!

Under the cooperation with the special tactical force, the Earth's federation army had also taken hold in this starship warfare, and started to gradually form an advantage.

In comparison to the victory secured by the Atlantic and the special tactical force, it was a lot harder for the ground troops.

The 1st Legion used a strategy called the tactical three wings, which let the left, centre, and right wings to advance all at once to siege and lock down the enemy espers.

The advantage of this three wings tactic was that it had strong control over the battlefield, and it was very difficult for them to

provide reinforcement for their air units, which gave valuable time for their allies to seize and control enemy starships.

However, the disadvantage of this strategy was the three wings must all advance at once. If any of the wings gets broken, then the entire formation will be completely disrupted, causing the other 2 wings to lose coordination and become surrounded by the enemies.

Now the situation was very dangerous, the right wing 1st Legion's deputy chief Soros seemed like he couldn't advance any further, but the centre wing led by Long Chuan was still formidable and rushed all the way to the enemy main force's center.

Thus, the lagging right wing could not provide any support to the centre wing, and it will in turn also hurt the left wing troops led by the other deputy chief Wu Chengfeng. This is because they will have to provide more reinforcements to the center wing to make up for the right wing, and that really increased their pressure several times.

Soros had become very anxious. While covered in blood, he raised his three tip double edge sword and shouted, "Brothers! Let's charge forward together! Charge! We must charge forward into the enemy crowd!"

Boom~

Under the leadership of Soros, the right wing troops launched

another round of brutal assaults. This three wings tactic must be quick in order to be effective. The faster the rush, the less time enemies had to be ready and react. Otherwise, if the enemies established a firm footing, then it will force Earth's ground troops into fighting in a disadvantageous position!

Do it in one breath, or you will tire and finally you will be exhausted. That's why it was already the right wing's third time trying to advance without any success. Soros was already anxiously stomping the ground but he couldn't do anything. The enemies were already growing in number and stronger ones were showing up. Now that they had a firm footing, the right wing's situation was becoming more and more difficult.

Seeing how the centre wing was still advancing like a tidal wave, the left wing Wu Chengfeng's troop, although were in tremendous pressure but still closely following Long Chuan's footsteps, Soros and his brothers at the right wing really hated how they weren't strong enough to provide more help!

Suddenly, just when Soros was anxious enough to hit a wall with his head, a team immediately arrived like a mad gale. Han's Wolf Fang squad!

After receiving Long Chuan's order, the 49-men Wolf Fang Squad finally started brandishing the butcher knives in their hand!

"Void Domain, Activate!" Han roared in anger and activated a domain of 10 meters in radius, instantly depriving all powers inside!

“Onslaught position, KILL!”

Just when the raiders were about to use their powers to attack the Wolf Fang squad, they surprisingly found out that they couldn't do shit anymore?!

For these esper soldiers, their powers had already become a big part of their life, and when they suddenly realized this cruel reality they quickly fell into a panic.

Enemy's panicking, what do we do?

Of course, we cut them!

Enemies are resisting, what do we do?

Lift our weapons, cut harder!

The 1st Legion's right wing brothers suddenly realized, the Wolf Fang Squad was like a legendary violent battalion! They take turns cutting enemies like cutting open melons and slicing through vegetables! This suddenly solved the stalemate, and suddenly the enemies corpses were everywhere!

“Follow Wolf Fang! Cover their back!” Soros shouted in excitement.

Before the war, Long Chuan already told Soros that the Wolf Fang squad would be the joker card of the 1st legion, but Soros never knew that the Wolf Fangs were that ferocious! The moment they arrived at the right wing, the situation immediately changed and they instantly freed up the right wing to advance again!

This was called one fresh strategy being used for days! The enemies hadn't seen this type of fighting formation yet, of course they wouldn't have the time to come up with ways to deal with it.

Han's Void Domain robbed all enemies of their powers, forcing them to use their weapons which made the enemies adapt to a strategy they haven't used for years.

But this was war and this sudden change could easily cause many to lose their lives!

So, the moment the Wolf Fang squad showed up, they took down hundreds of enemies and achieved unimaginable victory!

They were like the opening bloody mouth of a beast, biting into the enemies and tearing apart their flesh!

"Han, look at the left wing!" Xin Beige was now Han's assistant, and he reminded Han during a brief pause in battle.

Han turned around and saw that Wu Chengfeng's left wing was also slowing down. They encountered the organized ranged troops from the enemy side. Fire balls and ice arrows were flying all over

the places and the 1st Legion's left wing suffered heavy casualties and looked like they couldn't hold it anymore.

“Cheng Zhong, Left Wing!” Han raised his arm and shouted.

Shua~

The Cheng Zhong that weighed more than 600 pounds played the role of a diligent old cattle, there were fiber ropes attached onto his combat suit which allows the soldiers of Wolf Fang to grab on. Once Han deactivated his void domain, Cheng Zhong used his unique conversion descent power and launched himself right off the ground, instantly bringing the Wolf Fang to the left wing.

“Onslaught formation! KILL!” Han commanded loudly.

The Wolf Fang that just appeared at the right wing magically arrived at the left wing, and they began to diffuse the pressure from the enemies on their brothers at the left wing, slaughtering their way into the enemy formation again and creating a path of blood leading all their brothers at the left wing straight into the enemies!

From the right wing to the left wing, then from the left wing to the right. After a few rounds, the 1st Legion's brothers realized just how magical the Wolf Fang squad was!

They didn't really have a fixed place on the battlefield. They were like free men, quickly appearing at wherever there was need for

them! Where the soldiers couldn't hold it anymore, the Wolf Fang squad would arrive!

What a group of bloodthirsty and violent wolves!

With incredible melee prowess and the penetration capability of a sharp fang, they even had the ability to rescue when there were brothers and sisters that were left behind!

They have now single-handedly moved the entire legion forward!

The powerful void end ability not only made Han more violent, it also made everyone around him violent as well! They used that violence and completely steamrolled the enemy!

There was Long Chuan in the center driving the entire legion forward, and there was the Wolf Fang squad appearing at random times at the left and right wings to catch the enemies off guard!

Suddenly, the main battle field was pushed forward at least an entire kilometer, leaving behind rivers of blood and bodies everywhere.

Seeing how the three-wing tactic was achieving an overwhelming amount of success, the three wings finally started converging towards the enemy centre.

Suddenly, the atmosphere changed completely!

Another giant dragon suddenly appeared on the other side of the battlefield, it was as if a blue lightning bolt had struck down from the sky directly at the Four Eyed Celestial dragon! Flames suddenly erupted like the volcano!

The strongest raider Lucas against the strongest warrior from Earth, Long Chuan. The ultimate matchup between the two legends finally began!

Chapter 62: Violent Siege

When the battle has arrived at this stage, it could be said that the end was already decided. The Earth Federation army was fully prepared, utilizing subtle tactics coupled with the wild card of the wolf fang squad to force the outlaws into a dead end.

The interceptor bomb was still releasing wave interference, so even if Lucas and his team wanted to flee, none of the battleships could take off.

Thus, the only way left for them was to fight to the death against Earth's army!

So, Lucas led the chiefs of several other major raider and pirate groups. This group of the most powerful outlaws all rushed toward the middle to find Long Chuan, thinking that this man with the four-eyed dragon was their biggest threat.

Rumble~

The collision between the lightning and the four-eyed dragon sounded the battle horn of the aces! Han at the left wing saw this scene. He didn't feel nervous at all, but instead, his blood boiled!

"It's time for the final battle!" Han's eyes glanced over the last members of the Wolf Fang squad and shouted, "All of that hard training was for this moment today! Let's go!"

Shua~

Cheng Zhong played the role of the diligent old cattle again. He took all the comrades of Wolf Fang and rushed straight to the middle of the formation. After all these series of rushes, Chen had lost a lot of weight already.

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In the middle, the ill and skinny Long Chuan was carrying the smile of a joker, and his face was still as pale as snow.

At this moment, he was already surrounded by the group of high level espers led by Lucas. The army obviously was not strong enough to be their opponents so they all stood aside.

However, Lucas was still very confused, because Long Chuan didn't look busy at all and all the Earth soldiers surrounding them were also gearing up and getting ready to strike.

Lucas was completely angered by Long Chuan's smile. He was just a weak guy stricken with a severe illness, so how dare he be this dismissive of him?

Ka~

Another blue lightning bolt struck towards Long Chuan, but the four eyed dragon proudly swum towards the lightening to take the hit.

Boom~

The blue lightning dealt a critical blow to the dragon, and the Four Eyed Celestial Dragon that Long Chuan was so proud of got completely crushed, turning into a cloud of bright white dust, dancing in the wind like snowflakes.

“The source energy eudemon is dead! KILL HIM!” Lucas shouted.

Since the summoning, Long Chuan’s eudemon dragon was the sole pillar of support that was keeping the center wing moving forward. The giant and magical source energy eudemon was invincible, but as the stronger Lucas made his move, Long Chuan’s Four Eyed Celestial Dragon was taken down. In a short time, it would be impossible for Long Chuan to gather his source energy again and summon a second dragon.

The situation turned into an unparalleled crisis. The 1st Legion and the outlaw alliance both began their assault again, but there was a clear gap between the two sides. The 1st Army only had a Long Chuan, but the outlaw alliance had aces like Lucas, Defoe, Amir Khan, Donald, etc.

If the two sides got into melee battles, Long Chuan’s side will be at a disastrous disadvantage!

Suddenly!

Seeing the two sides were in close proximity just before clashing, the outlaws had saved up their energy to unleash all their ability attacks to win this war from one swoop. And just when they were lost in the dream of victory and about to strike....

The Wolf Fang squad arrived!

Its appearance appeared to have lit up the hopes and pent force of the 1st Legion, and Lucas noticed that the 1st legion's center force actually left an opening to welcome the Wolf Fang, as if they've been expecting their arrival.

Then, an embarrassing and awkward scene followed right after their arrival: Lucas's side suddenly realized that they can't use their power anymore!

“Leave them all here!” Han roared. (TL: it means, they won't be leaving and after this battle, their bodies will be left here.)

In Han's eyes, when the enemy's ace cards all gathered to attack Long Chuan, it was not a crisis but rather the crucial turning point he was waiting for! He had been waiting for the enemies to show all their ace cards at once!

Han clearly remembered what Long Chuan was telling him before the war: The Wolf Fang couldn't be used as a last resort card but instead as a trump card that was designed to kill the enemy's ace cards!

The violent attacks immediately unfolded!

The Wolf Fang squad and all their brothers in the center all started charging like crazy! They gave up attacking the enemy ranged troops and began to focus everything to get the heads of Lucas and other enemy aces!

Only one goal!

No matter the price they had to pay, they will kill this group of the strongest outlaws on the battlefield!

Within the 10 meters radius void domain, it was the most brutal and most violent battleground!

Inside the void domain, all powers were taken away, and even the ranged ability attacks wouldn't be able to get into the domain, so melee brutality was the only way!

If they did not have the void domain, could the 1st Legion kill someone as powerful as Lucas?

Maybe, but they were bound to pay a painful price. After all, Lucas's level was too high, and his power was already strong to begin with.

But now, Lucas entered the Void domain, his famous thunder descent super power had been robbed and couldn't be used anymore, leaving him no choice but to fight these violent warriors

from Earth in melee combat.

On Earth's side, the soldiers used their bodies to stop the blows of the enemy aces and traded blows with their life on the line. A life for a life, even three or four lives for a life was also worth it for them!

All in all, now that you guys are here, you guys won't be leaving anymore!

Full on violence, it was originally just Han's own style of combat, but now has spread throughout the entire legion!

Void End was activated with Han as the center so he must always follow Lucas, biting into his flesh and never letting go!

After all, Lucas was an intermediate 5-star elite, his power source index was close to 600,000! Even without his super power, his combat strength was still very powerful! In a blink of an eye, 7 or 8 warriors from Earth were smashed into the ground by Lucas. Although Lucas also received several cuts himself, but with his advanced combat suit and even stronger source energy, none of the wounds were life-threatening.

There was a good old saying: to catch bandits you must first catch the ring leader. If we could kill Lucas in one swoop, then we could end this difficult battle and end all hopes for the enemies.

Anyways, Lucas must die! He was the biggest threat to Earth, and

to our brothers!

“I’m taking your life!”

Stepping on the corpses of brothers, Han charged, waving his Silver Moon Crescent Blade, biting onto Lucas and started trading blows with him!

Lucas had a higher level, but Han had stronger equipment!

Lucas had a pinnacle 5-star combat suit named the Lucky Sirius, but Han had the junior 6-star combat suit, Black Kylin, forged with soft metal.

Lucas used a pair of black crystal titanium swords, Cross Wind, but Han had the Fremont (TL: previously translated as Folin) Dragon titanium forged scimitar, Silver Moon Crescent Blade!

On the battlefield, an unbelievable scene appeared: Han and Lucas were trading blows with each other, slashing back and forth! Then, the tide of battle tipped.

This scene left everyone stunned with eyes starring and mouth opened. With crimson red eyes, Han actually was the one that chased the Lucas who was a lot higher level than him, and Lucas kept on trying to run but he would still occasionally turn around to try to kill Han!

Han’s blood was already boiling, he was very excited, and it was

an unprecedented feeling of excitement!

Honestly, Long Chuan had already done a good enough job, he fully grasped and controlled the situation even though the 1st Legion was on the inferior side. But there were those damn elite outlaws! If Lucas didn't die, then all his brothers will die!

Kill him!

Kill him!

Must kill him at all cost!

The voice constantly ringed inside Han's brain, with a rapid acceleration of blood flow and heart rate, the Han that was madly slashing seemed to have triggered a hidden existence of some sort inside his body.

Darkness began to spread from the position of Han's heart, quickly spreading to Han's arm, turning his right arm black, and then it even spread to half of Han's face and his eye.

"Are you really a human or demon?!" Lucas shouted angrily at Han.

Now, the Han that appeared in Lucas's eyes was extremely terrifying, his entire right face turned completely black, especially Han's right eye, bleak without any light reflecting.

The Han that transformed into a being half covered in darkness...

Could it be because of that half of the Heart of Darkness that he absorbed before?

Chapter 63: Darkness Awakened

Power, endless power!

With Han slowly transforming into a being of darkness, his power was growing at an extraordinary rate. In the past, Han tried to overdose himself with lots of drugs and after swallowing 10 times the normal dosage, Han became almost invincible and could even single-handedly go against enemies 10 times his strength.

However, this was fundamentally different. Han felt that the power originating from the darkness was more substantial, it was like a power that belonged only to him! On the other hand, the power gained through drugs was comparably more unreliable which faded away after the drugs' effects passed.

The Darkness not only brought Han tremendous power, but also the Eye of Darkness!

Now, when Han's eyes looked at Lucas's body, he could clearly see the paths of Lucas's source energy flow, the zero-degree brain region that was rapidly working, and even the enemy's bone marrow!

Kill him!

Kill him!

I must kill him!

Han shouted internally louder and louder.

It was unbelievable, the half-dark transformed Han was like a god of war descending from above, and began to chase and attack Lucas like a madman.

Boom~

Boom~

As Han's strength rapidly increased, his handling of the Silver Moon Crescent Blade also became more and more fierce, aiming straight at Lucas's combat suit, leaving behind clearer and clearer marks! The cuts were deeper and deeper. As this continues, Lucas's defense will undoubtedly fall apart sooner or later!

"I want your life!" Inspired by the energy of darkness, Han suddenly shouted and slashed down with full power!

Gengci~

This time, there was actually the sight of blood!

Han violently tore apart Lucas's combat suit, and he began to slice through flesh and chop up bones!

Han's killing intent became larger and larger, cuts after cuts

landed on Lucas's body, and Lucas's originally tall and big figure became smaller and smaller, into smaller and small pieces!

Violence!

An unimaginable degree of violence!

The head of all evil, the chief of the Thorn Birds Gang, Lucas was cut into pieces, by the hands of Han. Cut into pieces while he was still alive!

“You all need to die!”

Immediately turning around, Han stared with his black right eye and shouted.

Combining both the void end and the power of darkness produced devastating attacks that were capable of eliminating the last glimmer of hope from the remnants of the outlaws!

Han's attacks were basically two steps. First, take away all the enemies' powers!

Second, use the powerful strength of the darkness and annihilate the enemies to the last one!

“Whoever dares to block me, DIE!”

Gengci~

Gengci~

Almost one hit one kill, Han charged straight into the enemy crowd using his brutal and merciless attacks and sliced through all the enemies in front of him!

Boom~

Suddenly, Han opened up a path of blood. His speed was incredible and even his comrades in the Wolf Fang squad were left far behind.

What if he accidentally went too far and missed someone?

Of course he would just turn around, and kill the on his way back!

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The Atlantic Cruiser, medical cabin.

The war was already over. Long Chuan laid on his deathbed, looking at Han that was busy by his side.

Originally, Long Chuan didn't intend on going back to Earth

alive. He knew that he didn't have much time, and being able to contribute to Earth one last time was his greatest wish.

However, things didn't progress as Long Chuan originally planned, and the Long Chuan that had already decided to sacrifice himself was saved by Han.

Originally, Long Chuan wanted to detonate his zero-degree brain region and die with Lucas and the other aces of the outlaw alliance. However, before Long Chuan even got the chance to, Han sprang right out, chasing and killing. He even chopped Lucas into pieces while he was still alive as well as killing countless enemies, fully displaying his potential as a super executioner.

So Long Chuan didn't die, he just passed out due to a drug overdose. Han read Night Walker's pharmacology book, and had Long Chuan take 6 zero-degree joy pills. Miraculously, Long Chuan slowly came back to life again.

As well, Han seemed to have returned to normal. The black color that was on his face and arm had already receded. He was back to normal now, with that friendly and humble smile on his face again.

The contrast was really huge! Just now, everyone witnessed how Han turned from a soldier into a demon and how he killed more enemies than the rest of the Wolf Fang squad combined. The deep cuts and traces of blood on his Black Kylin combat suit was the best proof.

“Come on, let’s drink this.”

Han melted a couple of pills and fed it to Long Chuan. Without the proper machines, Han can only use the emergency measures he read from that book.

Gudong~ Gudong~ (TL: sound of drinking)

Long Chuan thought for a bit, and then he drank the entire bowl of bitter medicine as instructed by Han, and continued to use strange eyes to stare at Han, as if he was looking at a monster.

“Don’t look at me, I don’t know what happened either. I was just really mad back then, and that seemed to have trigger some sort of power that I had never experienced before, that’s all.”

Han tried to explain to Long Chuan why he suddenly erupted. Long Chuan nodded, and didn’t say anything else.

At this time, Long Chuan’s three deputies arrived. Osman was the vice-captain of the Atlantic, while Soros and Wu Chengfeng were the deputy army chiefs of 1st Legion.

All three of them were injured, but they don’t care at all and seemed really excited.

Osman clenched his fist and said, “Chief, the record’s out. The Atlantic and Special Tactical troops destroyed 24 battleships, seized 4 destroyers and 7 frigates! After this war, now we have 12

battleships! Now we can really claim to have a fleet with a pretty good combat strength!”

Wu Chengfeng immediately said, “For the ground war, we lost 2389 soldiers, but our legion annihilated more than 15,000 enemy soldiers! It’s an unimaginably huge victory!”

Long Chuan felt that this victory is worth celebrating. He was just going to say some words of celebration, but suddenly he noticed that Han slightly frowned.

Curious, Long Chuan asked, “Han, the result of our victory has finally come out. Our brothers fought a hard battle and they are not quite tired. I want to give order to clean up the battlefield and return to Earth for a rest. What do you think?”

“We can’t go back now!” Han was anxious and he blurted out.

Long Chuan and his 3 deputies all looked curiously at Han, Long Chuan asked sincerely, “Why not return to Earth? You made a significant contribution this war and everyone saw it. There’s no outsider in this room, so relax and speak boldly.”

Han nodded and said, “Although the battle’s already over, but these raiders and pirates all have their own base. If we leave them, they will come back and seek revenge for sure. If I’m the commander, I would lead the brothers that can still fight and head straight to the enemy base! We will cut the grass and remove the roots for complete eradication! As for here, we just need to leave behind a small troop enough to clean the battlefield and then send

all the wounded soldiers back home.”

“After all these years living outside of the law, these raiders and pirates must be hiding a good amount of wealth. In the past they robbed us. Now it’s our turn to rob them! As for the enemies that were left back home, we need to deliver a fatal blow! We need to kill them all! Rob everything! Lastly, we will incinerate the enemy’s lair!”

Osman slightly hesitated and whispered, “You know that this is the Three All Policy (TL: Kill all, take all, and destroy all)... After all, we, the Earth Federation, are still a lawful country, and the Milky Way’s law of preferential treatment of prisoners still apply here.”

“F**K that rule!” Han immediately retorted, “The Atlantic and all those battleships we robbed from the enemies all need repair when we go back, and all the soldiers’ equipment need change and repair. As well, the Earth’s Federation needs to expand the esper legion’s scale, and all of these need money!”

“As long as Earth can safely endure through this time of crisis, I don’t care about any rules! Instead of just guarding our C-class mine and make the small change, I prefer grabbing more. We should drive our fleet to the enemy’s lair and start robbing right away! Time is running out, if the enemies get the message that their main force were all annihilated, then it will be too late!”

“Tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye! They dare to kill our citizens, then we will annihilate their entire clan!”

Long Chuan and the others were all awed by Han's words. For them, this battle's victory was good enough to let them feel satisfied. But Han felt like that was not enough, and he could only feel satisfied if they drove directly into the enemy's lair and stomped them into the ground.

Long Chuan thought for a moment, and gestured Han to leave first, so Han turned around and exited the room, leaving only Long Chuan and his three deputies there.

"Han's only 17..." Long Chuan sighed deeply, and said with some emotion, "Now that Earth has young people like Han to protect, even if I die I can rest in peace."

Osman nodded, "Han's personality is cruel, but yet very warranted. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't even realize that we could take advantage of this opportunity and storm the enemy's lair. So, what should we do?"

Long Chuan's eyes briefly scanned across his three deputies. His eyes suddenly became cold, and he said in a deep voice, "Do what Han said. Gather the brothers and we will immediately move out to wipe out their lair!

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On a little unknown planet in the Milky Way, Night Walker sat in his office, slightly frowned, and gently adjusted his glasses.

For some reason, Night Walker's right eyelid had been jumping for the entire day today, and it was making him feel unease, as if there was something on his mind.

Night Walker stood up from his chair, and started pacing back and forth in the middle of his office.

"Could it be something happened?" Night Walker scratched his chin and said to himself.

There was a row of bookshelves in his office. He stopped in front of them and gently pressed a button hidden behind a shelf. After his identity was verified, the bookshelf automatically moved aside and revealed a hidden safe in the wall.

Night Walker opened the cabinet and checked the items inside one by one. Some represented the badges of glories from his past, some were his hand-written notes, and there was a small rosewood box, placed in the bottom of the safe.

When Night Walker picked up that little box, his hands slightly shivered. The patterns on that wooden box were ancient yet still clear, emitting an indescribable aura, and the box itself was actually shaking in a very rhythmic way.

Night Walker began to get nervous, his heartbeat accelerated, and clear veins appeared on his forehead.

He quickly opened this mysterious rosewood box. The inside was covered with red velvet, and embedded inside was half a heart, or an unknown object that really looked like half of a human heart.

At this moment, this black and mysterious heart-shaped object, was actually beating! It was even a rhythmic beat! As if it was revived!

Plop~

Plop~

Chapter 64: Sally Empire's Deadly Trap

In the Sagittarius constellation was the Sally Empire Palace.

There were countless countries that wanted to colonize Earth but the Sally Empire was the closest and was also one that showed its ugliest side to reach its goal. They didn't even bother hiding their greed, playing underhanded tactics one after another, and they even hired raiders and pirates to harass the small and weak planet of Earth.

Sally Empire's incumbent king was called Figaro the 149th. After experiencing 149 generations, the imperial throne was passed on to the King Figaro who had a pair of sinister slits for eyes. The empire wasn't as powerful and resourceful in comparison to the true giants of the Milky Way, but it still had thousands of years of tradition and counted as a veteran figure in the Milky Way, way stronger than the developing nation of Earth.

After a dissolute night, King Figaro waited until noon to get up. Although his height reached 1.9 meters and he was regarded a big guy, he already depleted his body early with wine and women. If it wasn't for the help of some drugs, he couldn't even satisfy the two little seductive chicks last night. Thinking back to last night with his favorite twins, the king's face was full with pride.

But he wouldn't favor that pair of twins again, because he was the king, the most distinguished king in the empire, and anything the king used are now old and should be thrown away. The king only wears new clothes, and sleeps with new women.

Half lying on the sofa, the servants carried over a hearty breakfast as well as today's newspaper. Seeing the headline of today's paper, King Figaro was immediately shocked, and his eyes suddenly opened wide.

This was a standard Milky Way Daily newspaper, titled "Small Earth's fighting force bursting off the chart, wiping out the stronger raiders and annihilated more than 15,000 outlaws!"

Reading the content, King Figaro was so angry that his bearded face became distorted and the reporter writing this story emphasized that Earth was just a very small country in the entire Milky Way, with an entire army barely over 13,000 soldiers. But just with this small army and Earth's only battlecruiser, Earth's United Government completed the annihilation of a large portion of the active raiders and pirates in the 57th Sector of Milky Way.

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King Figaro smacked the paper down on the face of a young girl who was just serving him breakfast, and the pretty girl was so scared that her whole body trembled and she almost started crying on the spot.

Then, Figaro picked up the second newspaper, it was a reputable newspaper in the Milky Way, called the Daily Milky Way.

The Daily Milky Way actually also had an article on that battle on the front page, and they reported from a very interesting point of view: Starting from a report on the previous Milky Way Meet's Ke

Lake. He left the world with the impression that he wasn't just a powerful warrior, but also someone with an unyielding will who, in a situation with no helping hands, finished alone in ninth place when fighting in the A7 Extinction Domain, wowing the entire Milky Way galaxy.

Daily Milky Way felt, Ke Lake might not be an exception. Maybe the tiny and distant planet Earth perhaps are filled with warriors with similar unyielding wills. Otherwise, it was impossible to explain how Earth, with such a weak army, was able to eliminate an enemy much stronger than them.

What pissed Figaro off more was that the Daily Milky Way listed several countries in the 57th Sector that failed to eliminate these criminals for years, and rather a small and developing Earth was able to, thus leaving the Daily Milky Way to question what the developed countries, including the Sally Empire, were doing,

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King Figaro flew into rage, tore the newspaper into pieces and threw it onto the desk. The waiting servants hurried to clean up, but they ended up receiving kicks after kicks from the pig-like fat Figaro.

“Get me Levi!” Figaro shouted.

The servants hastily went to summon the empire chancellor, Levi, while King Figaro still raged silently in his chair, picking up the third newspaper. This was the Globe Star News published in

Sally Empire, and it had always served as a henchman for the Sally Empire, always complimenting how much of a saint King Figaro was, and its choice of words were always as flattering as possible.

Globe Star News didn't put the news about Earth on the front page but on the far more irrelevant third page. Unfortunately, King Figaro took a closer look at the content and he became even more mad than before!

Globe Star News really couldn't find any arguments to attack Earth, so they actually talked about how cruel the Earth Federation was to kill more than 15,000 outlaws and also destroying their home, completely wiping out their lairs and setting everything on fire.

There actually existed a teammate stupid like a pig! The Globe Star News actually wrote the news from the perspective of sympathy for the criminals, that's called being politically incorrect okay?!

Even fools know how much the people hated the star pirates and raiders, how could the dignified imperial voice speak on behalf of these criminals? Now the entire Milky Way was talking about the satisfaction of eliminating all those bandits, and the Globe Star News was sympathizing with the criminals?

Originally, the Sally Empire's ass wasn't clean, and now the Globe Star News was showing how depressed and bitter they were when the pirates and raiders were killed by Earth. Wasn't that slapping the empire's face with its own hands?!

Crash~

King Figaro flipped the entire table. The hot soup poured onto several female servants' faces and burned them. Not only did Figaro not care, but he also added a few more kicks in order to release his anger.

At this moment, the chancellor of the Sally Empire, Levi, arrived. This man with red curly hair was called the fox of the Sally Empire, and he was also the king's most trusted think tank.

Seeing the mess inside the room, Levi frowned and ordered all the servants to get out. He paid a deep salutation to King Figaro and said, "Your Majesty, surely you are angry because of the Earth Federation things right?"

Figaro snappily replied, "Damn that impotent Lucas! You go contact all the raiders from other Milky Way sectors, no matter how much money need to be spend I want to get Earth down to its knees!"

Levi shook his head and said, "Your Majesty, at this critical stage, all the major Medias in Milky Way are paying attention to the 57th Sector. There are already rumors about us hiring those bandits, and if we continue to do so then our plan will be debunked."

Figaro stared with his eyes wide open and shouted, "Are you trying to persuade me to quit? Impossible! Whatever I want must always be mine! Originally, I was okay with leaving the citizens

alive after we colonize Earth, but now I wish I could kill every damn living soul on that damn planet! Let them be man, women or kids! How dare they fight back! Now none of them should even think about living!”

Levi smiled, “I agree. Our empire already has a huge population, the 15 billion people on earth will simply be our burden. Kill or sell to slavery are all good options.”

“But, Your Majesty, this means that we have to change our method a bit. Now that the Milky Way Meet is happening soon, we can’t leave a bad impression to the 12 permanent members of the Milky Way Alliance. I think we can split this operation into two steps. First, we have to find allies, whether it’s someone in the 57th sector or one of the 12 permanent members of the Milky Way Alliance, we need to try to convince them to support our proposal of colonizing Earth.”

“It might take a lot of money, but there’s a B-class relic (AKA Extinction domain) on Earth. As long as we capture that relic, its output will certainly be more than our investment. In addition, fostering good relationships with other planets can only be advantageous for us with no harms.”

“Secondly, of course we need to teach those people on Earth a lesson. They still have a couple contestants left in the Milky Way Meet exam, so let’s get all of them eliminated so that they don’t have a single qualified contestant to compete in the final Milky Way Meet. That’s going to be a really hard slap in the face for Earth, a country that couldn’t even get a single spot at the Meet. Earth will be the largest joke in the Milky Way! A disgrace!”

King Figaro was shocked and he suddenly slapped his desk and said, “What a good strategy! Put out a reward, focus on anyone from Earth that’s attending the Meet and eliminate them all! We will let the entire Milky Way witness Earth’s incompetence!”

Levi smiled and echoed, “Your Majesty is very wise! The contestants from Earth attending the Milky Way Meet’s preliminaries are chosen elites from that planet, and we will smack them all to death, and that will be equivalent to slapping Earth right in the face!”

King Figaro laughed and said in a deep voice, “Hurry and make the arrangement, kill all the soldiers from Earth that are in the Milky Way Meet!”

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Galactic Dark Net

Han finished the mission and returned to the Nazca base. The first thing he did was to meet Pathless Origin. What happened to him during the battle was too strange, Han really wanted to find out what that inexplicable dark power was and where it came from.

Arriving at the agreed virtual meeting space, Han found that Night Walker was actually here too, and it was actually his first time meeting both mentors together. Looking at their expressions, they didn't look to be at ease and had a rather worried look.

“Teacher, Mr. Night!” Han was already very familiar with them so he immediately jumped into his question, “Something really strange happened to me. I seem to have somehow awakened some sort of dark energy. At the same time my own power was strengthened, such as my right eye became able to see a lot of strange things, as if it can completely see through the enemies. His meridians, his zero-degree brain region, all in one glance. How did that happen?”

“That's the Eye of Darkness.” Pathless Origin thought for a bit, and said to Night Walker, “Old Black, you know the details, I think you should explain it.”

Night Walker slightly nodded his head, pushed up his glasses and said in a deep voice, “Han, what I'm going to say next will be very strange, I want you to be mentally prepared and don't be scared by it.”

After taking a deep breath once, some light flashed in Night Walker's eyes, and he said one word at a time, "All in All Han, you really hit the jack pot this time!"

Chapter 65: The King Of Darkness

Han hesitated, and then shrugged his shoulders and said, “Come on, please don’t kid me. Since the beginning I’m just a little native boy from Earth, since when did I hit the jack pot?”

Night Walker laughed, and said seriously, “Where do I start? Okay, it all began that year when the 1st A-class relic, A-1, was opened. At that time, although there was growing prosperity of the human race in the Milky Way, there was no Milky Way Alliance yet, only some small-scale cooperative organizations.”

“The one that found and activated the A-1 Relic was called the Blue Wave Republic, one of the dominant class empires in the Milky Way. Confident with its power, the Blue Wave Republic forcefully broke open the A-1, and spawned the disaster of the century.”

“Just moments after the A-1 relic was opened, an unprecedentedly powerful dark warrior killed his way out of the relic, and that person later came to be known by the Milky Way as the Dark King!”

“The Dark King had no name, no one knew why he appeared in A-1, all people knew was that he killed the entire exploration army from the Blue Wave Republic in one night. Then killed off all the logistics corps located in the periphery of the relic, and he possessed a powerful force of darkness that was beyond imagination!”

“Blue Wave Republic’s army came to kill the Dark king, but however many people they send, however many got killed! Not even the giant laser cannon could kill this monster that was against all heaven rules!”

“Ultimately, the Republic of Blue Wave paid a tragic price for its bold move of opening up A-1, the elites of the entire nation were killed by the Dark King and it was never able to recover since then. And after a few hundreds of years, this country went from a Milky Way overlord of the generation to meeting its cruel fate of being mutilated by other countries.”

“Then, the major powers of the Milky Way sent their strongest warriors in hopes to catch this monster codenamed the Dark King. Even so, they still paid a heavy price. The entire hunt went on for a hundred and twenty-eight years, countless casualties were recorded, and finally the Milky Way Alliance army was able to oppress the Dark King at the H975327 Black Hole and forced it to jump into the black hole and suicide.”

“So, the operation to catch the Dark King came with an unimaginably high price, and not counting the heavy casualties, the cost was already an astronomical figure.”

After experiencing this storm, the people in the Milky Way finally realized how many hidden secrets were stored away in those relics and how scary that was. That was how the Milky Way Alliance was formed, and all A-class relics must be decided by the Milky Way Alliance about whether and when they should explore it.”

“Without any exaggeration, the powerful Milky Way Alliance was originally just an alliance to hunt for the Dark King. Think about it, gathering all powers in Milky Way, just for one guy! You can probably imagine how powerful the Dark King is.”

Han gasped, and said in surprise, “Oh my god, the Dark King can cause chaos in the entire Milky Way just by himself, then isn’t his power off the chart?! But what does that powerful figure have to do with me?”

“Of course there’s a relationship!” Night Walker said in a deep voice, “At that time, the Dark King was forced to jump into a black hole and no one got to see his dead body.”

“367 days after the death of the Dark King, No. H975327 black hole erupted! After property reversal, the black hole turned into a white hole, and went from absorbing everything nearby to spitting out everything inside the hole.”

“After a few hundred years, some unexplained strange objects began to appear in the Milky Way, like a hand of darkness, a heart of darkness, and all these things were found near the black hole that had originally buried the Dark King.”

“So, gradually a legend began in Milky Way saying that after the Dark King died, his body went through some mutations that us humans wouldn’t understand. Just like how the esper soldiers can leave behind power crystals after death, the Dark King left behind some organs after death.”

“The more times the legend got passed, the more interesting it became. In the end the legend even said that the Dark King left behind 7 things after death, and they were the Heart, Brain, Hand, Eye, Bone, Knee, and lastly the crystal of darkness. All these things combined, are called the 7 Layers of Darkness.”

“The 7 layers are all universe treasures without exception, and countless people tried to study them in attempt inherit the powerful strength of darkness of the King! After all, he once single-handedly fought against the entire Milky Way! This level of combat was beyond imagination! A lot stronger than any super warlords in the Milky Way!”

“Unfortunately, humans’ study on the 7 Layers of Darkness never progressed, because all 7 items were extremely toxic! Sufficient enough to melt through flesh and bone!”

Then, Night Walker paused for a second, and stared at Han, “I had the opportunity this life to acquire the Heart of Darkness. Although the price I paid was heavy, it’s all in the past now and I don’t regret it at all.”

“Later, I met a very interesting young man, he had deadly toxins in his body but he didn’t die because his unique zero-degree brain region protected this young man. So, I thought, I will just try to cure the dead horse as if it was a living horse (TL: a saying in Chinese that means the situation is already bad enough, might as well try it as if the horse is still alive). So I used half of that Heart of Darkness and made an even more toxic potion out of it and gave it to that young man to take as a medicine.”

“Originally, I was just trying to fight fire with fire and remove the toxins in that young man, and the results looked exactly like that case. But then later, that young man went onto the battlefield, and unexpectedly triggered the great power of darkness, and that’s when I suddenly realized that this young man inherited the powers of the Dark King!”

Then, with shining eyes, Night Walker stressed each syllable, and said, “And that young man, is you!”

Han was way too surprised, it turned out that he unwittingly accepted the heavenly power of the Dark King, no wonder he suddenly felt a sudden exponential growth in power after undergoing the dark transformation, and even his vision became special. So this was why...

Han thought for a bit, and asked in curiosity, “Half of the Heart of Darkness already let me grow this much, then if I acquire all 7 Layers of Darkness, then aren’t I going to be invincible?”

Gengci~

Night Walker and Pathless Origin almost collapsed, Pathless Origin laughed and said, “What are you little brat thinking?! Just for that Heart of Darkness, we almost died. Even if you have the power to absorb all 7 Layers of Darkness, it’s not like you can find the remaining 6 items.”

Han felt the same way, he was really being a little too greedy. He laughed and asked, “Speaking of absorption, how come other

people can't absorb these items but I can acquire the power of darkness?"

Pathless said, "This, we still don't know. Maybe it's because of the Void End power that you have. Your power is mystery darkness descent, and the 7 Layers of Darkness are essentially of the dark element as well, maybe your power can restrain other dark class components, but I'm not too sure."

"In short, Old Black is right. The lucky you that already possessed the strong power of Void End, has now also acquired a portion of the power of the Dark King. You really hit the jack pot this time!"

"Void End's disadvantage is that you rob others of their power but you don't become any stronger, but now that you have the unmeasurable power of darkness, killing enemies will only require two steps: first, activate your domain and deprive them of their power, second, use the power of darkness and kill them!"

"This combination of super abilities is fearsome just thinking about it."

Han was already attracted by the bright future that Pathless Origin had described for him, but how should he train this power of darkness? Han became very confused.

About that concern, Pathless had a good dismissive laugh, "You have to believe in the power of me and the dark net. The resources that are here are beyond your imagination! Tomorrow, we will

officially enter a new round of extreme training!”

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Han just said goodbye to Pathless and Night Walker, he was found by Li Yu and Long Chuan.

Long Chuan was in his wheelchair and Li Yu pushed him.

“Han, I already saw the video on the battlefield that was recorded, I’m really interested to see how high your Physical Power Index after you transform?” Li Yu saw Han and hastily asked.

Han was shocked for a brief moment, shook his head and said, “I didn’t try it, only Strength descent espers will test their Physical Power Index. I just periodically test my Power Source Index.”

“Then let’s go immediately and try.” Li Yu said in a deep voice.

The three arrived at the assessment center. There was a special test machine for the Strength descent espers, the bull’s-eye machine. After a punch in the center, the system will quantify the strength of that punch.

“Come on, use your power of Darkness and give it a punch!” Li Yu said in excitement.

Han nodded, and began to gather his newly acquired power. Since he was still not familiar with how to use it, it took a while for him to find that right feeling,

When using the power of Darkness, first the heart beat faster, then the blood pressure raised immediately, and that strong sense of power began to gather in the body.

Li Yu and Long Chuan all stood aside and looked forward to watching Han, Li Yu whispered, “I’m guessing that Han’s Physical Power Index is above 2000 kg.”

Long Chuan slightly frowned and said, “One punch for 2000 kg? It’s not likely right? He’s not even Strength descent.”

Li Yu disagreed, “We will wait and see, I’m very confident in Han’s potential.”

Here it comes!

That feeling of being full with power was rediscovered by Han!

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Han’s fist gradually turned black, and that fearsome power of darkness almost erupted out from Han!

Gritting his teeth, Han alighted his fist with the bull’s eye and

punched at full power!

What seemed to be an ordinary punch, was actually containing an unimaginable amount of dark energy!

HONGGGGGGG~

A series of dazzling lightning sparks projected out from the inside of that machine, followed by a deafening explosion sound!

Li Yu and Long Chuan couldn't believe their eyes, the bull's-eye machine that specialized in the testing of power, became a piece of junk from Han's one punch!

Chapter 66: Death Of Luo Yuyin

After a seemingly long silence, Long Chuan and Li Yu finally came back to their senses. Seeing the pile of junk that was previously a bull's-eye machine, the look on their faces could only be described as very interesting.

“Han, what have you done?” Li Yu Asked

Han said with an innocent face: “I already said, only Strength descent espers use this machine but you guys insisted on me trying. How would I know what happened?”

Li Yu and Long Chuan stared at each other in silence. Crap, the only bull's-eye machine was broken by Han, but exactly how powerful was Han's punch? We still don't know...

Long Chuan thought for a moment, “Maybe it's the nature of Han's attack that's really unique, it detonated the circuitry inside the machine. But in conclusion, after this, at least we know that now Han not only has the void domain that can deprive enemy powers, he's also equipped with an incredibly strong attack.”

Li Yu nodded, “The Void End plus the power of darkness. Han, now you got a new nickname. Other than the Tough Bone Han, people also call you the dark demon because of your savage and merciless performance on the battlefield.”

“Also, this time we got a lot of loot. Our fleet size has now expanded to 12 ships, and we also destroyed 13 raider and pirate

nest and retrieved a large amount of loot from their lair. The preliminary estimate of the value from the loot is more than two billion GC.”

“So, we and Talin talked a bit and decided to recruit all the qualified espers from the Federation into the army, and soon Earth will have 10 esper legions plus an excellent starship fleet.”

“Expanding the military will also need the purchase of large quantities of supplies and equipment, so we still have to contact that mysterious friend of yours.”

Han nodded and said, “Purchasing isn’t a problem. Earth is my home, and doing something for my home is my responsibility, but you know...”

Li Yu smiled and interrupted Han, “I know I know, the equipment and medicines you get are either illegal or unsolicited. But it’s almost time for the Milky Way Meet, we can’t afford to care about that anymore so just rest assured and purchase whatever you feel fit, as long as it works. This time, other than equipment and medicine, we also need some parts for repairing starships. The Atlantic Cruiser needs some serious repairs, but this time we will use our own engineers. Not to mention that it saves money, but it also trains our mechanics.”

The three walked and talked, discussing seriously about the military and the future of Earth. Currently, the higher ups in the Earth Military unanimously recognized Han as a very talented young man who will very likely be promoted to be one of them in the future. To this end, Long Chuan and Li Yu told Han everything

they knew and didn't try to hide anything.

Han also asked about Long Chuan's illness. Although he had managed to preserve Long Chuan's life, his condition did not improve and thus has to now rely on a wheelchair. Han secretly decided, that he will learn more about pharmacology and see if he can help Long Chuan. After all, Long Chuan was like the soul of Earth's military, whether it was tactical or combat. Losing him will be a significant and tragic loss for Earth.

They were just about to leave the training camp when the grumpy Cheng Zhong caught up and wanted to drag Han out for a drink.

“What happened? Who pissed you off?” Han asked curiously.

“Don't mention it! Didn't we just get a huge victory? So I decided to take advantage of this momentum and see if I can pass the final pressure exam so I can get a spot at the Milky Way Meet as soon as possible.”

“But what the hell! Just when I entered the battle, everyone started to target me! And someone even chopped off my head! Although it was just virtual battle and I can't die, it is so f**king shameful! I'm almost embarrassed enough to kill myself!”

Han was slightly shocked, puzzled and asked, “What kind of battle exam? Why did they all target you?”

“It was a medal race this time. Everyone had a keepsake on their chest, and you must try to get as many of other people’s keepsakes as possible while protecting your own. The more you get, the higher your score. I was hiding somewhere and planning to wait for single encounters, and I saw some people fighting so I wanted to take advantage of the chaos and try to make something happen. But, all those people stopped fighting immediately after seeing me, and they all ganged up on me!” Cheng Zhong said angrily.

A bad feeling suddenly rose in Han, but first he tried to comfort Cheng Zhong, “Don’t worry, maybe you just stepped in a trap. Maybe these people came from the same group and they just pretended to be fighting to bait enemies. There are still 2 more months left until the deadline for this exam, just calm down and train, you still have a chance.”

“Fine.” Cheng Zhong darkened his face, nodded and said, “Looks like I still need to gain more weight. I’m going to go back eat until I’m at 800 pounds and then compete again.”

Han didn’t say anything, the night wind in Nazca was very strong, blowing the sand and making it dance.

No one knew, the Sally Empire had already set up a net in the Pressure Exam, and the trouble Cheng Zhong just encountered was just a start.

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Luo Yuyin was the youngest soldier in the training camp. She

was just 16 years old and had the typical features of a southern Chinese girl: pretty skin, a short and thin figure, two cute dimples when she laughed. A small girl that liked to hide in her room and watch anime while wearing pink princess dresses.

Speaking of Luo Yuyin and Han, they shared a common hobby: both of them liked hot chocolate, so they always saw each other at the hot beverage section in the cafeteria. Han doubted that she weighed more than 70 pounds and thus, he could easily lift her up with one finger.

Although knowing that Luo Yuyin was a relatively rare Sound descent esper and was quite talented, Han felt that someone as shy as Luo Yuyin wasn't suitable to become a soldier.

Today, he walked into the training camp like usual and saw Luo Yuyin again, but her originally pair of big and cutes eyes were pink like peaches from crying. She carried a shoulder bag covered with plush toys, and was on her way out under An Beibei's accompany.

Seeing Han, Luo Yuyin bit her lips to tried not to cry, but tears still fell like beads from a broken string. She bowed deeply at Han and said quietly, "Brother Han, thank you for taking care of me, goodbye."

Han was not prepared. He was stunned for a second and then replied goodbye.

Cheng Zhong came into the lobby after Han, and Luo Yuyin also bowed to him and whispered goodbye.

“What happened?” The confused Han asked Cheng Zhong.

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Cheng Zhong had a bitter face, sighed and said, “Little Yuyin was eliminated, so she’s leaving the training camp to report to the administration. Still don’t know where they will send this little girl, she’s too timid and shy.”

At this moment, An Beibei comforted Luo Yuyin by the door for a bit, turned around and returned to the lobby and said to Han, “Little Yuyin is really pitiful, not only was she eliminated, those people even uploaded the video of her head getting cut off onto the internet. She’s just 16 and is still immature, that’s just simply too much for her!”

Han was shocked and asked, “There’s such a thing?! Show me.”

An Beibei nodded and took Han to the front of a computer, and then booted on to the Milky Way’s largest video site and searched out a video.

Inside the clip, a bunch of espers from other planets were sieging the tiny Luo Yuyin, and little Yuyin was obviously very frightened. Such a little girl getting surrounded by 7 to 8 sturdy men, they not only beat Little Yuyin but also insulted her with vulgar language.

Han could not help but clench his fists, damn those guys!

Little Yuyin suddenly opened her mouth and erupted a series of fatal syllables. Sound descent espers all relied on the release of sonic waves to attack, and it was said that once they reach a certain level, they could release noises that can trap the enemies in illusion. Although it was not some strong power, it was still a very useful niche skill.

“Little slut, how dare you resist! Watch me tear apart your mouth!” A big guy wasn’t expecting how strong Little Yuyin’s counterattack was, and became very dizzy from the booming sonic shock with blood constantly flowing out of his ears.

He angrily punched Luo Yuyin’s little face with his fist, and the sweet dimple on Little Yuyin’s face was flattened. Her pink little cheek was swollen up, and some other fellow on the side stepped on Little Yuyin and laughed out loud.

Shua~

The brawny warrior took out a Reverse Astral blade, raised it high up into the air and aligned it with Little Yuyin’s white neck. At this moment, she was already in a mess from all the beatings, how could she have the power to resist. She just stared blankly into the sky, her eyes were devoid of hope.

“Go to hell!”

The brawny soldier shouted and swung the sharp knife in his hand.

Shua~

Han could no longer stand it, a punch landed on the computer screen and completely shattered it.

“That’s way out of the line!” Even it was a virtual battle, Han could still feel the rage inside of him like a fire. She was just 16, she was only a weak little girl, are those guys animals?!

Cheng Zhong was angry on the side as well, “What the hell, it was my first medal game and I also met a group of guys that all want to take my head as if they already had some agreement before.”

An Beibei gritted her teeth and said in a deep voice, “Do you know what’s more cruel? If you lose your first medal game, you still have a second chance, but the second game was even more brutal for Little Yuyin.”

Shua~

Flames of anger burst out of Han’s eyes, he turned around and look at An Beibei.

An Beibei said sullenly, “If useless to look at me this way. After you were back you were so focused on training and didn’t have the time to communicate with everyone. Within just a month, there are only 18 guys left in the training camp, even Parker was

eliminated. He also got his head cut off and the video's up online as well."

Han was suddenly shocked, Parker was the 4th ranked pro in the training camp, nicknamed Violent Temper Parker. Even he got eliminated? That's...

An Beibei paused, and continued, "Now Earth is a joke in the pressure exam, and someone even made a website that has all the abuse and beheading videos of Luo Yuyin and Parker and the others, called the Pig Butchering Assembly."

"It's obvious, someone deliberately wants us dead!" An Beibei whispered.

Chapter 67: Completely Annihilated

Han has spent 9 hours training in the extremely cold pool in his training room. This has already reached double from the past, and Han still didn't have the thought to stop.

With fewer and fewer people left in the training camp, Han started to feel increasing pressure. He did not flinch in the face of pressure but chose more crazy training methods to improve himself.

Today, the two significant differences compared to the extreme training in the past was that, aside from practicing the 46 Ensemble, Han also spend more time practicing how to summon that special dark power and be able to control it during combat.

The other change was Pathless Origin.

This strange old man's interest in Han was growing every day. He told Han to open the big screen when training, and he always stared at Han and frequently had conversations with Han, pointing out tips for better results.

Whiiiiirrrrrr~

Han stood in the -200° Celsius unfrozen cold water. His body was covered in fog and he was breathing heavily.

In such cold temperatures, even if Han didn't move at all, every

minute and every second was still a torture, requiring a lot of energy and determination to adhere to.

In comparison to half a month ago, Han's body went through significant changes. The extreme training didn't make Han burlier, he was still a bit slim, but his bones and muscles were significantly stronger, like a blood-red steel frame.

Just finishing a round of 46 Ensembles, Han was adjusting himself. Pathless slightly frowned and said, "The next round is a match practice. I found you a good opponent, a wanted criminal from the Kui race. You are probably familiar with the physical characteristics of people from the Kui race, they have hard scales and their limbs are a lot more developed than humans. Their explosive power is very outstanding as well."

"In addition, he came from an assassin clan. Very good at hiding and then surprise attacking. If you are not careful, he only needs one combo to rip open your body with his sharp fingers."

Pathless made very good use of the dark net, every day he would find some strange people to fight against Han. Wanted criminals, assassins, underground boxers, anyway none of them were good men. They were all a bunch of ruthless guys.

According to Pathless, when Han adapts to the most vicious opponents in the Milky Way and then fights those soldiers that went through the regular military training, then he will find their attacks to be very childish. Definitely not on the level of those wanted and experienced outlaws from the dark net.

The fact has already been proved, these guys that Pathless recruited really used some insidious moves. Including methods like secretly drugging Han, creating illusions of a few naked girls to seduce Han, etc. In short, these guys do not seem to understand the concept of regular combat, they did whatever underhanded and crafty things they could in order to win.

In the beginning, Han lost a lot, but after facing these people more and more, Han began to really adapt to these cunning moves, and he occasionally used some of tricks he learned as well, returning the favor.

Under Pathless Origin's mentorship, Han went further and further on this not so decent road, and learned lots of guileful techniques.

Seeing how Han didn't react, Pathless frowned and continued, "I know you aren't satisfied, but everything has its gradual process. In combat, what matters is the overall character, training, experience, battle mentality and fighting will. You can't lack any of them. So hurry up, aside from fighting 1 on 1 against that assassin from the Kui race, you still have to go watch the death broadcast. That's also a very important lesson."

Han took two deep breathes, opened his mouth and asked, "Teacher, it's getting closer and closer to the Milky Way Meet, when can I start learning martial art? When can I go take my final test for the pressure exam?"

Pathless said sincerely, “That’s not urgent. If you want to go far, then you need better foundations, and right now is the time to lay your foundations. You can learn martial art slowly later on, but a foundation that’s not solid is fatal.”

“As for the last stage for the pressure exam, as long as you are on time you can do it right before the deadline. The situation is very clear right now, someone’s targeting the contestants from Earth, so you better wait until you have the absolute certainty to win before attending the final stage.”

Nodded his head, Han said in a deep voice, “Got it, I will do one more darkness training, and then I will go greet that opponent from the Kui race.”

Shua~

Right after he finished, Han suddenly submerged himself under the freezing water.

“Eye of Darkness, activate!”

Han said on the inside, he suddenly opened his right eye. At the moment, his right eye has been completely turned into a deep black color, like a ghost reflecting dismal light.

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There were only 3 days left before the deadline to the pressure

exam. Han still didn't appear in the final test but isolated himself in the base and practiced like mad.

Every day Han had to do extreme training for 10 hours, spending one hour to fight the soldier that Pathless found for him, and then spend another one analyzing that day's combat, followed by another 8 hours of nonstop death broadcast viewing, checking out how the soldiers from other planets fought and thinking about what he would do during that fight.

When Han last appeared in the base, he saw two guys, Xin Beige and Cheng Zhong. Those two were not training, but rather sitting in the lobby waiting for Han, standing beside their luggage.

Han's heart suddenly thumped once. Now the training camp has become so empty, leaving only the three of them here. Could Xin Beige and Cheng Zhong be...

After walking to them, Han sat down facing them, and whispered, "Are you guys leaving?"

The always optimistic Cheng Zhong let out a long sigh and said with a bitter smile, "I'm just someone that's bored, staying here for this long was just to accompany you for longer. After all, we both came from China, you will always be my good brother."

"Unfortunately, time is almost up. What's coming will come, and what's leaving will leave. You still remember Monk? That baldy was eliminated early, and now he's actually an instructor at the 3rd Legion, leading about 100 men. Now that it's impossible for me

to make it to the Milky Way Meet anyways, I might as well leave early to join the military. Otherwise if I can't get a rank higher than that Monk guy, then it would be really embarrassing."

Han didn't know what was better to say so he just nodded and said, "The military's job is very important too. It's good to join them as soon as possible."

The three awkwardly sat there in silence. Cheng Zhong and Xin Beige both knew after they leave, Han will be the only one in the entire training camp, and he will be the last hope of Earth to get a spot at the Meet.

Ten years ago, Earth had just joined the Milky Way Alliance under very difficult conditions. There were still four soldiers including, Ke Lake in the lead, that had made it to the Meet.

After 10 years of careful preparation, Earth gathered the most promising young espers early together and invested heavily in training them, yet today they were almost all eliminated. It's clear how disappointed everyone was. And if Han gets eliminated too, then the Earth Federation will really become a joke for the entire Milky Way.

Xin Beige had a bitter face and was rubbing his hands nonstop, as if he had something to say but didn't know how to open his mouth.

Han tried to break the awkward silence and whispered, "Xin Beige, are you going to the military with Cheng Zhong? I heard that the Extinction Site administration really hoped that you

would go there.”

Shua~

Contrary to Han's expectations, Xin Beige suddenly grabbed Han's hands and began to shiver. The tall and native German, Xin Beige, began to cry, and said with tears in his eyes, “Han, I'm sorry! When you had just arrived to the camp, I wasn't nice to you. Now that I think about it, I'm such a dumb pig!”

Han was shocked for a bit, patted Xin Beige on the shoulder and said, “It's all in the past, now we are all brothers.”

Xin Beige heavily nodded his head, looked at Han's eyes, and said sincerely, “I spent more than a decade training as hard as I could, day and night! No matter how difficult it was and how much I bled, I didn't care at all! It was just so that I could be a soldier like Ke Lake, and offer my share of contributions to Earth!”

“But I'm useless, I'm useless! I got eliminated in the preliminary like a retard, and I don't have another chance anymore, but you still do! Please, make it to the final! No matter how small of a country Earth is, if none of us can make it to the final, then it's a shame! It's a shame for everyone!”

Cheng Zhong sighed on the side and grasped Xin Beige shoulder. He broke down in tears as well as he started to drag Xin Beige towards the door, muttering, “Han, don't listen to him, this guy's just too nervous. Go, we are all brothers, how can we not trust you? As long as you tried your best, no one's going to say

anything.”

Han was stunned, watching Cheng Zhong drag the suffering Xin Beige out the door.

“Didn’t we agree to say farewell to him happily and not give him any pressure? What were you doing?!”

“Li Yu, Talin, Long Chuan, they are all frantic and you don’t see them talking to Han right? We can’t place such a huge pressure on Han’s shoulders, that’s not fair for him.” Out the door, Cheng Zhong wiped Xin Beige’s eyes for him, and tossed him into a military jeep he had prepared.

Xin Beige covered his face with his hands, nodded and said, “I know I know, but I just couldn’t help it! If we are all eliminated from the finals, then the Alliance will allow someone to colonize Earth for sure! If I can’t even protect my home, how can I face my mother in heaven! Before my mom passed away, I promised her that I will become an outstanding soldier!”

“Useless, useless, I’m so useless!”

Xin Beige cried out loud, forcefully pulling his blond hair. Since the beginning, he was always a proud warrior and he had kept that firm image in the training camp as well as on the battlefield.

Now, it appears that perhaps everyone has their own vulnerability, but it was just that they haven’t reached that point

of sadness.

Han looked around at the once crowded camp. There were 49 young soldiers from all over the world, the big mouth Cheng Zhong, the Luo Yuyin that was like a cat, the hot-tempered Parker, the slender legs An Beibei, Nicholas from Siberia who really liked Vodka...

Suddenly, everyone's gone, and Han was the only one left now.

Pushing open the door to the training room, Han logged onto the dark net, and found Pathless to be already waiting for him.

Smiled, a touch of coldness flashed through Pathless Origin's eyes, "Today's the last training session before you attend the last stage of that pressure exam, and it's also the most important class. You have spent an entire 6 month on basic training, and now I hope you can learn this martial art in one day!"

Chapter 68: Back To The Spotlight

Learn a martial art in one day?

Han stared at Pathless Origin skeptically and whispered, “Teacher, do you have a fever? The 46 Ensemble, which is like the most basic out of the basics, you told me to practice it for a full 6 months, but now you want me to learn a more esoteric martial art. You actually want me to learn it in one day?”

Pathless Origin laughed out loud, “That’s right, you only need one day anyways! Now that you have a solid foundation, you must remember martial arts are not something you learn and master in the training room, but on the battlefield!”

“Today, you just need to remember the things I teach you. As to what extent this martial art will take you, it will depend on your own comprehension.”

Han nodded and seriously said, “Ok.”

Pathless stroked his short beard, took out a dark memory chip, and a glimpse of coldness flashed in his eyes, “Today the martial art style I will teach you is called the Star Break Fist.”

“One punch that can break stars?!” Han was slightly shocked.

Pathless Origin said proudly, “Yes, that’s right. The thing in my hand is the last memory chip of this martial art style in the entire

Milky Way. It was extracted from some relic. The Old Night Walker gave you half a Heart of Darkness, how can I lose to him? I will give you this limited edition Star Break Fist, because it's no use for me anyways."

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After about an hour, Han walked out of the virtual reality pod in confusion.

The technology of the Milky Way galaxy was very advanced. Things like learning martial art could directly be done through the format of data transmission into the brain, and Han already remotely accepted the techniques of the Star Break Fist style in the virtual reality pod. At the moment, Han felt like his brain was as chaotic as muddy water, as if someone suddenly stuffed a lot of random things in to it.

Returning to the training room, Pathless smiled and asked, "How do you feel about this martial art technique?"

Han pondered for a moment and said, "The Star Break Fist seems to be not just a set of boxing techniques, but a fighting style that can also go really well with weapons. It's just that, I need more experience with it to be more conclusive."

Pathless slightly nodded, seems like he's quite satisfied with Han's understanding so far, and he said, "Not bad, now do it once in front of me."

So, Han began to practice what he just learned, but what happened was totally unexpected. In theory, inheriting martial art styles through memory chips means that the techniques should be engraved in his brain already, but Han just made a few moves and he already forgot what's next.

“Don't think! Use your intuition! Find a way to make up for what you don't remember!” Pathless was very strict and he shouted. Although the relationship between this strange old man and Han already improved a lot, but for all the crucial moments, he still couldn't suppress that hot temper of his.

Han was embarrassed. He wouldn't say that he was a genius, but he knew that at least he didn't have any trouble memorizing stuff. Night Walker gave a pharmacology book to him before which information on tens of thousands of drugs and Han memorized them all. How come he just can't remember these Star Break Fist techniques?

Wait what?

After completely a so-so quality set of Star Break, Han frowned as he tried to remember those techniques that was transmitted into his brain.

“Don't think! Practice again for me! If you forget, make up your own moves!”

Han was shocked, and he quickly began to practice for the second time but this time it was even worse. At first, he could still

remember about half of the moves, but not it wasn't even a third. For the majority of the time, Han needed to rely on his intuition to make up for the gaps between moves.

Han was very anxious, he felt like he became stupid or something. He couldn't even remember a few moves.

After he was done, he started practicing for the third time and the situation did not get better. This time, he forgot about 75%.

After the third time around, Pathless asked Han to practice for the fourth time, and Han just felt a crazy wave of dizziness. He finally got to remember some moves, but in the blink of an eye he already forgot 90% of it.

After all, the Star Break Fist was something precious that came out of the extinction domain, and it was already an extremely rare opportunity to acquire such a top-level martial art, how did he forget it in the blink of an eye? Han felt a sudden urge to cry but had no tears.

And Pathless, that strange old man, was still telling Han to practice and practice. And the more he practiced the more he forgot, the more he forgot the more nervous he got, and the more nervous he got the more he forgot.

In the blink of an eye, 10 hours passed by. Han's body was covered in sweat. He had already gone through the routines 17 times, and just when Pathless shouted at Han to make him practice one more time, Han stood there like a wooden chicken and didn't

even make a move.

“Why aren’t you practicing?” Pathless strictly asked.

Han shook his head, grimaced and said, “I think, I forgot it all.”

“You really forgot it all?”

“Yep.”

“Forgot it all?! Like, nothing left?”

“Yep, not a single move.”

HAHAHAHAHAHA~

Han was 100% sure that no one’s laugh was creepier than Pathless Origin’s. Han raised his head and curiously looked at the strange old man.

After laughing crazily, Pathless Origin’s eyes became cold again, and he said seriously to Han, “Congratulations, you learned Star Break Fist!”

Han couldn’t believe his ears, “I forgot it all, and you said I learned it?”

Pathless nodded, “Yes, this set of technique is designed to let you forget. You don’t remember all the moves, but you still remember the essence and unique features of this set of techniques right?”

Han thought about it, “I think the essence of the Star Break Fist style is attack. On Earth we have a saying, use softness to counter toughness, but Star Break is the exact opposite. It emphasizes that attack is the best defense, and if the enemy is tough, then you have to be tougher than the enemy.”

“As for technique, Star Break is about high flexibility, fast pace, fierce blows...”

Pathless narrowed his eyes and nodded as he listened. After Han was done, he couldn’t help but to exclaim, “You have exceeded my expectations, looks like you truly understood the meaning behind Star Break Fist.”

“Overall, Star Break is about breaking the routine. When the enemy’s strong, teachers usually tell you to first avoid the edge and then choose the right time to strike, but Star Break is the direct opposite and tells you to break storms with storms.”

“Like I said before, the highest level of martial arts is actually about forgetting. Only when you forget all those moves, then you won’t be restrained by them. And without restrains, then you can unleash the strongest fighting strength.”

“Learning martial arts is about remembering what’s exactly taught in the books? No, it never is! Everyone’s a different individual, no matter how good someone is with a style of martial

art, it might not be the best for you. That's why we have to learn the martial art itself. It's not for learning those moves, but for how to convert the things you learned into your own fighting style."

The wisest reason, is to be unreasonable. The strongest martial art techniques, is to have no techniques!"

"Having no way is actually the way of the Heaven!"

"Having no way is actually the way of Heaven?" Han raised his head and asked.

Pathless slightly smiled, and waved, "Go and attend the last stage of the pressure exam, I look forward to your performance."

Shua~

Han packed up his dark net login program, and walked out of the room with big steps. When he passed the lobby, he stopped at a screen and opened the shocking webpage.

It was the page that had the videos of how all the brothers from the training camp got eliminated, and below were many unsightly comments. Expressing the "best" satires towards the soldiers from Earth, saying that Earth is a planet that is rich in trash, and sent a group of trash-like espers to embarrass itself in front of the entire Milky Way.

Long Chuan quietly came in on his wheel chair, seeing Han

watching those videos, he was a bit worried and said, “Han, time is running out.”

Han nodded, and whispered, “I know, there are 52 more hours until the end of the pressure exam. The 4th round is the medal game which takes 12 hours, the 5th round is Meteor Shower which is another 12 hours, and the last round is the Road to the Netherworld which needs 24 hours. That’s 48 hours in total so we have enough time.”

Long Chuan slightly nodded, Han was the most unique member of the training camp. Although he was here, he wasn’t anyone’s student. Long Chuan knew clearly that Han had a rather mysterious teacher.

“So you want to look at how others were eliminated? And then analyze their tactics?” Long Chuan curiously asked.

Han shook his head, “No, I just want to remember those that laid hands on our people, and their names.”

“And then?” Long Chuan asked.

“And then if I can meet them, kill them.” Han replied with ice-cold tone.

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In the virtual reality pod, Han pressed the activation button.

Shua~

The light flashed past. After a lapse of several months, Han finally appeared at the Milky Way Meet's preliminary round lobby once again. Facing the familiar faces of the square and the portals, Han actually felt a bit warmth in his heart.

There wasn't enough time left to the completion of the pressure exam, the majority of the contestants already completed all the test and were waiting at home for the results. There weren't a lot of people left on the square, and it was a bit depressing.

Han paused for a bit, and went straight to a random portal with big steps.

In front of his chest was a light screen. Everyone could see clearly that he came from the 57th Sector of the Milky Way, Earth.

“Look, another trash from Earth!”

“What happened? Were all the trash from Earth eliminated?”

“Maybe it's just some fish that slipped through the net that was scared so he waited until the last moment to attend the exam.”

“Quick, let's go to a portal. If we can go to the same battlefield as that brat, then it will be awesome. Someone placed a bounty,

killing an esper from Earth once is 1 million GC, beheading doubles the reward and that's 2 million! It's like money that's just lying there."

Finding out that Han was from Earth, the square became restless, many people began to discuss how to take Han's head and exchange it for bounty.

The square was open, and all those words also fell into Han's ears. One had just seen him step unhesitantly into the portal, and the corner of his mouth was curled in a slight grin.

Chapter 69: Pinnacle Of 3 Stars

Outside of the pressure exam site, many pairs of eyes were looking at Han and praying for him. After all, the selected fighters from Earth were almost all wiped out, leaving Han as the only hope. Countless higher ups from Earth Federation didn't even try contacting Han, afraid that they might be placing too much pressure on him. They were all, however, secretly paying attention to Han and his performance in the preliminaries.

As supervisors of Han, Li Yu and Long Chuan were waiting anxiously as well. They hid in their office and nervously smoked cigarettes one after another.

The broadcast footage finally appeared. Han arrived at the testing center for the Milky Way Meet's pressure exam.

Han's physical data and registration information appeared on the right side of the screen. After Li Yu saw Han's power source index, he was immediately shocked.

"It has already reached 8135! That's the pinnacle of 3 stars! So Han was actually that close to 4 stars now! Long Chuan, how come you never mentioned it to me?" Li Yu's eyes opened up wide and said.

And Long Chuan was so excited that he almost stood up from his wheel chair. He quavered, "I thought you were paying attention to him."

Li Yu smacked his thigh, “Hey! I thought you would be paying attention to Han so that’s why I never asked.”

“Don’t get excited, don’t get excited first.” Long Chuan quickly did some calculation in his mind and said in a deep voice, “Two months ago, when we invaded the raiders, Han’s Power Source Index was around 4000, just reaching the intermediate 3 stars level. It has been 57 days and Han already broke 8000, and that means, he increased his index by a full 4000 in the past 57 day, averaging to a daily increase of around 70 units!”

Long Chuan and Li Yu were speechless. Usually, as espers reached higher levels, their source index growth rate should start to slow down. That was why there were cases like Long Chuan who couldn’t reach 5 stars in the past 10 years.

But for Han, when his level increased, his power source index growth rate actually started to accelerate!

Just two months ago, Han’s daily growth rate was 50 units per day, but now it had reached 70 units!

If this rate continued, then within a month, Han will break through and reach 4 stars! He will become a 4 star esper soldier, capable of summoning a void domain of 100 meters in radius!

“70 units of daily growth rate? What a monster...” After a long silent, Li Yu swallowed a mouthful of spit and whispered.

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Shua~

After the light flashed, Han was teleported to the 4th round of the pressure exam, the medal game.

From this round, espers were allowed to freely fight each other, and the tournament organizers actually encouraged contestants to fight to the death, obviously making this test a lot more difficult to pass.

The rules for the medal game was actually very simple. 10 espers were randomly chosen and teleported to a battlefield of 10 square kilometers. Everyone wore a golden badge on their chest, and the contestants had to try to seize as many of the other people's badges while protecting their own.

Each badge was worth 100 points with a full score of 1000. Losing your own badge means you were disqualified.

After both of his feet touched the ground, Han quickly scanned his surroundings and noticed that he was in an ancient ruin. The center square was quite open and it was surrounded by large remnants of broken walls and cliffs.

The 10 randomly chosen contestants all appeared in the center square, each being about 30 meters apart giving them enough time to decide whether they want to charge into battle or retreat into

the rubble and wait for the right time to launch surprise attacks.

Aside from Han, the rest of the contestants were all 4 stars, and being only 3 stars, Han has the lowest level on this battlefield.

But this was normal. Usually, among the 100,000 young espers that ended up qualifying for the official Milky Way Meet, 4 star and 5 star fighters were about 50% each, and espers of these two levels were the main force that were participating in the race.

Aside from them, there were a few individuals that had already achieved 6 stars and became quasi warlords, but these geniuses were like the feathers of a phoenix and the scales of a Kylin. There were rarely more than 10 of them participating. After all, the people that were able to become quasi warlords before the age of 30 were usually peerless geniuses. They might not even care to attend the Meet.

As to the 3-stars that make it to the finals, every time there were usually around 100, which was really insignificant in comparison to the total 100,000 contestants that compete in the finals.

“Haha, there’s actually a guy from Earth. Cutting his head can be exchanged for 2 million GC!” Right across from Han, a tall and buff warrior covered in tattoos pointed at Han and yelled.

Shua~

Suddenly, everyone’s eyes rested on Han, some were shocked,

and some were surprised.

This was the deadly tactic that the Sally Empire resorted to, placing heavy bounties on soldiers from Earth. Killing one will reward you with 1 million GC, and beheading one for public humiliation will be rewarded 2 million.

In the Milky Way, the purchasing power of the GC was quite strong, and 2 million was enough to buy a civil level starship without a weapon system, or a group of outstandingly pretty slave girls.

For the soldiers participating in the pressure exam, they could earn money while battling, why not?

So, before Han, all the brothers from Earth were beaten, beheaded and humiliated on the internet. The Sally Empire was too ostentatious and they really humiliated Earth this time.

“Don’t let him get away!” The tattooed fighter yelled, “Kill this guy first, we will split the reward!”

The one standing on the right side of Han was a small yet muscular black fighter, he sneered, “Split evenly? This battle is going to take 12 hours, only the man last standing is qualified to split the bounty! Whoever dies half way doesn’t count.”

The tattooed man thought for a moment, thought that it wasn’t a bad idea and said, “Then, if everyone agrees, then we will first kill

then guy from Earth, and then it will be a free for all after.”

The other 8 espers looked at each other and all gently nodded their head.

After all, the battlefield was 10 square kilometers, and it was also the ruin of a complex terrain, good for hiding. They teamed up mainly because they were scared that Han might run away, which meant they would watch that pile of cash just fly away from their reach.

After the temporary alliance was quickly formed, everyone started to close in, with the two espers closest to Han in the lead and others slowly approached Han. The tattooed guy even sent two others to cut off Han’s retreat path.

Seeing this scene, Li Yu and Long Chuan, and all the people on Earth watching the fight were all nervous to death. They’ve seen the same scene way too many times, the 48 brothers in the genius camp, were almost all killed that way.

Everyone was very angry, they obviously had already guessed that it was the Sally Empire’s conspiracy, but they couldn’t do anything about it. After all, they didn’t host the reward under their empire name, but rather a fake name. In addition, the pressure exam seems to not have the rule against placing bounties.

Against the siege of the nine 4 star espers, Han didn’t even try to run, but just stood there, shaking his head. His expression was a bit bitter.

In the blink of an eye, they all surrounded Han, and the circle gradually got smaller. The enemy that was closest to Han was within 5 meters, and he could reach Han with one dash.

At that moment, Han suddenly looked up and said emotionlessly, “So my brothers were eliminated like this. It wasn’t because they were not strong enough or didn’t try hard enough, but because of how insidious the enemies are.”

“Enough talk, cut his head! 2 million GC here I come!” The tattooed esper shouted and everyone pounced towards Han.

Kacha~

At that moment, Han’s clenched fist suddenly opened.

Void Domain, open!

“Get ready for my fire fist!” That tattooed soldier raised his fist and aimed for Han’s head.

But the reckless attacker didn’t realize his fire fist was actually gone, because just at that moment when Han opened his palm, all of his power was robbed!

Now, Han just needed two steps to kill an enemy. First, take their ability. Second, use his dark power to destroy them!

BOOM~

The originally calm Han suddenly jumped up. His left leg lightly performed a skip step as he waved his right hand, delivering what seemed to be an ordinary punch, colliding with that tattooed guy's "fire" fist.

That seemingly plain punch actually contained an unimaginable amount of momentum!

The tattooed esper's fist broke right at the point of collision! Soon followed by his entire arm, it completely fell to the ground, into broken pieces!

Dark fist!

That was the effect of infusing one's entire body with dark energy!

The tattooed esper's eyes became wide open in surprise, and he witnessed how his fist and arm broke inch by inch, and then his shoulder, and then his chest.

"All the humiliation that my comrades suffered, I will return it two fold!" Han shouted in his heart, his eyes became colder and more merciless.

Then, that short muscular black esper charged at Han, and Han also went head on against his attack. For the user of his star breaking fist, there was no such saying as avoiding attacks, it had always been fighting violence with violence, and breaking storms with storms!

Hong!

Hong!

The pride of my comrades, I will take them back!

Hong!

Hong!

The humiliation my comrades suffered, I will make you pay back a hundred times!

Hong!

Hong!

Han roared again and again in his mind, completely releasing the anger he had accumulated for the past months!

Although all the other contestants from Earth were no longer

here, but Han was still fighting!

And as long as Han still had breath left, the revenge would still be taken!

Han's void end could completely deprive all power from the opponent, and that was already very unreasonable, but including the horrendous destructive power of his dark fist, no one present was able to withstand such violent attacks. After several rounds of Han beating the crap out of everyone, the battlefield became dead silent.

Perfect score!

4th Round of Pressure Exam, passed!

Han emotionlessly picked up the golden badges in front the opponents' chest and looked up.

At this moment, the screen beside him was especially bright.

On top of it lied a few lines of very simple Milky Way universal language.

Han Lang.

17 Years Old.

Pinnacle 3 star.

From the Earth Federation.

Chapter 70: The Forbidden Art

In the virtual world.

“1940 points after just the first four rounds?” Night Walker smiled and said, “A perfect score on the pressure exam is 4000 and usually as long as your score is close to 2800, you will be qualified to attend the final. Seems like after training under a monster like you, Han won’t have any problems making it into the finals.”

The atmosphere suddenly changed, Night Walker stared at Pathless Origin, who was sitting beside him, and asked in curiosity, “Although I don’t know too much about martial arts, but what you taught Han is significantly different from the others. He’s like an unbreakable bamboo stick. Extremely flexible, the more pressure he receives from the enemy, the stronger he bounces back.”

“And Han’s attacks are extremely reckless, it doesn’t seem like a formal martial art, but rather a natural force. What did you really teach Han? Could it be....”

Pathless said carelessly, “I’m not crazy like you, how could I pass my treasured martial art to Han, he’s not my student nor my son, why should I? What I taught him was just the Star Break Fist. Although it’s already one of the top level martial arts in the Milky Way, it’s nothing special.”

Night Walker laughed, and said, “Why are you still so tough with your words? I’m in pharmacology and in our industry, if a drug can be made as if it came from a balanced nature, then it has

already reached the peak level. It's the same with martial arts, the highest type of martial arts is the one that people can't read, born out of nature, but also an existence that surpasses nature."

"If you dare to fool me because I don't know martial arts, I will stop supplying you drugs and let you feel like you would rather die."

"Humph!" Although Pathless was still quite tough with his words, his attitude obviously softened up a bit. He rubbed his hands and said, "I didn't lie to you because Han really thinks that I taught him the Star Break Fist."

"But in fact?" Night Walker asked curiously.

"In fact it's the Six Paths of the Void."

Ceng~

Night Walker was suddenly shocked, and couldn't believe it, "Capable of destroying 9 Layers of Hell! Easily able to annihilate the 6 paths of reincarnation! Known as the strongest demonic strike style, the Six Paths of the Void?"

Pathless didn't reply, but lightly nodded his head.

Night Walker's eyes opened wide, "You are crazy! The Six Paths of the Void is forbidden! You actually taught Han a forbidden martial art? If someone one knew, he could be killed because of it!"

Pathless disagreed and sneered, “Well, those so-called forbidden martial arts are only forbidden because they are too powerful, capable of causing too much death! But those so-called warlords or gods of war, which one of them didn’t learn some forbidden arts? How come they can, but Han can’t?”

“I just want Han to skip those useless conventional fighting techniques, and let him go directly to the strongest and most ruthless style. Why are you so surprised man?”

Night Walker was speechless for a while, but then he lightly shook his head, “Old monster, warlords can learn forbidden art because they are already above everyone. No one can do much to bring them down. But Han didn’t even become an esper for a year and you are already teaching him forbidden arts?”

Pathless still stubbornly said, “That year, we were all fooled by those stupid rules of the Milky Way, and after so many years I realized that those so-called top level martial arts are completely incomparable to the forbidden techniques. If I had started learning forbidden art since the very beginning, then my achievements would be a lot higher than now! And we won’t be in this kind of stupid situation where we can’t even show our faces in order to hide from those that want to kill us.”

“In short, if I have gone through that detour, I won’t let Han go through the same thing. What retarded conventional martial art, no need to learn it! If he’s going to learn, then he’s going to learn the best!”

“Aren’t you people in pharmacology the same? After so many years studying and researching, what are you working on right now? Isn’t it still something forbidden?!”

“The so-called forbidden martial art or forbidden drugs, they are just above the conventional ways which most people can’t accept. And that’s not the fault of the forbidden art or drugs, but the fault of those people!”

Pathless Origin was really unreasonable, and Night Walker sighed and muttered, “It’s not the same, it’s not the same... Those warlords and drug grandmasters are learning forbidden stuff because they have reached the end of the conventional path, but Han just stepped into the conventional path and you already pushed him onto the evil path...”

“Others are just walking and walking and they ultimately walked into the evil path, but for Han, he had never walked on the normal road and can only be on the forbidden path from the start to the end.”

“But for real though, you didn’t teach all 6 paths to Han in one go right?”

Pathless shook his head, “Nope, I just taught him the basics and didn’t get to the 6 paths yet, so it’s not too obvious, and he won’t be caught in the Milky Way Meet.”

Night Walker thought about it, laughed and said, “I was just thinking how Han got so strong. Now he has Void End, a physique

capable of resisting poisons, the dark fist, and also the forbidden arts taught by you, you old monster. With these 4 ultimate level techniques guarding him, those 4-star espers are obviously not his opponent.”

Pathless arrogantly laughed, “After all he’s someone I mentored. I will be honest with you, the present Han can kill all 4-star espers! As long as the espers are still 4-stars, none of them will be Han’s opponent!”

Then, the tone of voice suddenly changed, and Pathless looked at Night Walker with an obviously not-good intention and said, “Old Black, you are actually not mad because I taught Han the forbidden martial art right? You are mad because you didn’t even teach Han how to work with forbidden drugs and I already taught Han, so you are jealous of me!”

Night Walker hesitated. He forcefully waved his sleeves, and righteously said, “I’m obviously not crazy like you. You fighters can take short cuts but what people like me do is science, and there are no short cuts in science.”

Sigh~

Soon, Night Walker sighed and said, “But having said that, Han seems to be more interested in you. My pharmacological way doesn’t seem to be his type.”

Pathless slapped his thigh and braggingly said, “See? Now you said the truth, I just knew that you were jealous of me!”

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In the Pressure Exam.

The time was a lot shorter than estimated. According to the rules, the 4th stage Medal game could take up to 12 hours, but since Han's opponents decided to group up against him, they actually all got swept clean quickly by Han. From beginning to end, Han only took 11 minutes for his Medal game.

Shua~

Han returned to the familiar square, raised his head and looked at his score. He had gotten 940 from the first three stages, and a perfect score of 1000 points during the fourth stage, so now his overall score was already 1940.

Recalling the memory of his last battle, Han felt a sense of fulfillment that couldn't be described. Looks like there was a big gap between those opponents and him.

Even if the factors like his special dark power were excluded and they were compared solely on martial arts, there was still a big gap. For some reasons that couldn't be described, Han just felt that the enemies' martial arts were all too rigid. Their moves were just moves and they lacked efficiency and flexibility.

But there was a big difference between Han and those opponents.

Han seemed like he didn't know any martial arts, and all his attacks were casual and based on instinct. Many times, it was just an idea that popped up in his head and Han was able to unleash a move that other people couldn't understand.

It was just like reading book. After Han read a book, he wouldn't remember the content of the book but instead, understood the meaning behind the book.

Han obviously didn't know that the so-called Star Break Fist was actually a forbidden art called the Six Paths of the Void. To let a novice that had just awakened his power in the past year to directly learn the top level forbidden martial art, this bold attempt might be the only instance of this in the entire Milky Way history.

What can be sure was, Han already embarked on this difficult path that no one has ever tried before, and he will never be able to turn back.

There was still some time left. Han didn't hurry to attend the 5th stage, but stayed still and wondered about that last fight to see what he could improve.

Pathless was very clear when he taught Han. He told Han to let him experience and improve through battle, and Han obviously was never that type of muscular yet simple-minded fighter. He was very good at thinking and making conclusions.

After about an hour, Han stood up, and chose to enter the 5th stage from the system menu.

The same square and portal, and the same situation of many eyes focused on Han wanting to take his head to exchange for reward.

Shua~

Han didn't pay attention to others. He went straight into the portal and entered the 5th stage, the Meteor Shower.

Appearing in front of his eyes was two islands, and in between was a narrow strip of shallow water. Contestants needed to cross the shallow river and get to the other side,

Rumble~

The Earth was tremoring. The dark sky gave an oppressing dooms-day like atmosphere. Meteors started to fall from the sky one after another, and in the air floated a type of moving fire ball, flying back and forth, threatening the contestants that were trying to cross the shallow river.

And that was the so-called Meteor Shower stage. In fact, it was a lot like the previous stages, but just with a harsher environment and people were also allowed to kill each other.

It wouldn't be easy to pass the shallow river as one needed to avoid the falling meteorites, dodge the flying fire, and also withstand the malicious opponents.

In a swarm not far away, the contestants were like dogs jumping and chickens flying, jumping all over the places after being chased by the meteorites and flying fire, and suddenly there were also other soldiers jumping out to give unsuspecting contestants a stab in the back.

Han observed for a few seconds and went straight down the shallow water. The river water covered Han's waist which undoubtedly increased the difficulty of dodging threats, and the resisting force of water also slowed down the movement of the contestants.

Han was obviously not scared of the flying fire. These attacks all mimicked the ranged attacks from Fire descent espers, but Han had void end, and the fire balls flying in the air disappeared the moment it came close to Han, so he doesn't even need to dodge them.

The larger threat was the meteorite. A rock that was the size of a man's head fell down at an incredible speed and smashed into the ground next to the river. If anyone was struck by it, they will get killed right on the spot.

As for the surprise attacks from any opponents, it actually became a relatively minor threat. After all, everyone was busy dodging the flying fire and falling meteorites, there really wasn't too much energy left over for them to attack others.

Everyone's advancing direction was not the same, some tried to get from this island to that island, and others tried to get from that island to this island. After several successive waves of fighters

encountering Han, they all thought for a bit and decided to not attack Han.

After all, the fact that Han wasn't afraid of the flying fire was quite strange. Those crimson red fire balls kept on hitting Han but didn't even leave a mark. This made the contestants around him wary about Han's abilities.

Faced with the double attack of the meteorites and flying fire balls, everyone naturally chose to protect themselves first. As to whether they could kill Han and claim the bounty, it became something secondary.

Shua~

A figure from behind Han passed him. He was thin, tall, and familiar, like someone he saw before.

The way he handled flying fire was shocking. When the crimson red ball flew towards him, this man actually reached out his hands to take it. Then his wrist gently turned and the flying fire accelerated out of his hand like a bullet, hitting the soldiers around him.

“HEY!”

“Damn! This guy is sneaky!”

“Don't go near him! He's a devil!”

In the blink of an eye, a dozen contestants were already shot down by the tall thin fighter in front of him and got eliminated from the race. Han was behind him, and he could see that the man's mouth gently raised to a certain angle. He was smiling. It seemed that this person was only doing this for fun, and he had no other objectives.

What's strange was, that tall thin guy would target everyone around him, but only not Han who was behind him.

"Oh, it's him!" Han carefully observed the back figure of that man, and suddenly understood why.

Chapter 71: Lan Feng

Han finally remembered. It was during the first time he accidentally wandered into the Pressure Exam and was walking under the ocean. At that time, he was able to cheat due to his Void End and easily pass the round, leaving all opponents far behind him.

But there was one exception. There was a tall and thin guy that was always in front of Han, and no matter how hard Han tries he couldn't pass him. Knowing that he doesn't have Void End like and still be fast than Han, then it must be a miracle.

And this person in front of Han right now, isn't he the same person Han met during the 1st preliminary round?

Han suddenly wanted to compete against the tall and thin young man in front of him. Six months ago, Han was obviously not an opponent for him, but what about now?

Thinking of this, Han quickly sped up his pace and immediately followed that guy in front of him. But strangely, with Han's present body and top level power, he still couldn't catch up to him.

That tall and thin guy seemed to be walking very slowly, but his figure was constantly moving forward, teasing other players as he walked, catching the flying fireballs and then firing them at others. Everyone that passed him or was around him were all screwed, except for Han.

Boom~

A meteorite was rapidly falling towards that tall guy's head, and just when Han was about to remind him to be careful, he saw that man reach towards the sky and instantly caught dozens of flying fireballs.

With one hand raised high, an explosion rang out from his hand!

Dozens of fire balls flew through the air, directly hitting the falling meteorites.

Rumble~

Fire accompanied by broken meteorite pieces flew everywhere. This was like the legendary borrow power to fight power situation. The tall thin man actually used the flying fire balls he caught and shattered the meteorite, making a big scene.

Han was slightly shocked. No doubt, this guy in front of him had a powerful ability. When he reached out to catch the flying fire balls, a lot of the fire balls were still very far from him, but he just gently turned his hand and forcefully pulled over those sparks.

As for the strike into the sky, it looked very casual but actually contained a powerful force. The power of falling meteorites was obviously very destructive, yet those dozens of small fire balls was able to shatter the meteorite. That guy must have used some means that Han couldn't see or comprehend.

After fighting numerous masters from the dark net and observing countless death broadcasts, it can't be said that Han had no knowledge. But such a strange and powerful ability, it was still Han's first time to see something like this.

Suddenly, just when Han was analyzing this tall thin esper and what his actual power was, that guy suddenly stopped his steps and said to himself in a regretful tone, "Damn, I should've caught that meteorite and then threw it at the other. That would be more interesting."

Han instantly felt aversion towards this man. Catching a meteor and hitting other people with it? This guy was really strange, as Han wouldn't find that to be fun at all.

Not for long, another meteor fell towards Han, that tall thin man actually turned around for a second and glanced at Han. He had a very young face and should be younger or the same age as Han. He had a quite interesting smile on his face, as if saying, "This time you are done right? You can block fire balls but you can't block meteors."

The message behind that smile made Han quite uncomfortable. Seeing the meteor was about to hit his head, Han secretly amassed dark energy and raised his hand for a simple dark fist.

Boom~

Han made an even bigger scene this time, directly smashing the

meteor into powder with simply his fist.

And the meteor explosion took place within a meter above the sea. The sound was even deeper, surging water whirled around to produce a sight that was not weaker than a tsunami.

Ceng~

The tall thin young man didn't turn around but instead stopped his steps for a second. He slightly shivered once, as if he was shocked by the big scene created by Han.

“Interesting, interesting.” The young man mumbled to himself, then accelerated towards the island. Han followed him closely, although that man wouldn't lose Han, it was also impossible for Han to pass that guy.

As a result, the two people formed a situation where they secretly competed with each other.

But Han realized, it was actually him leeching off of that guy because he would always catch the flying fireballs to hit the surrounding espers, making everyone hide far away from them, fearing that they would be the next target of his fire shots.

Soon, Han and that tall thin guy arrived at the destination. When he turned around, Han saw his name, Lan Feng (TL: means Blue Maple in Chinese), he actually already reached pinnacle of the 5-star level.

In the Milky Way, it was unusual for the system to call an esper's level as the pinnacle of 5-stars, unless he was already infinitely close to the six star level. Otherwise they should all be called 5-star intermediate espers.

That means, Lan Feng's power source index was at least 900,000. No wonder Han couldn't catch up to him no matter what, the level gap is a bit too big...

Lan Feng also took a look at Han's profile, then gently sighed and said, "That's it? That was boring."

Han laughed and said, "You are so strong, on the way you ruined countless espers' future. They all worked hard and wanted to enter the final, and they were eliminated by you for no reason."

Lan Feng disagreed and said, "How can you blame me? They are so weak. Even if they make it to the finals, they might not even make it back alive. So, I'm actually helping him. In addition, they also have a second chance to come take the exam again, so if they want, they can just start over."

Han nodded, "Following you saved me a lot of trouble, thanks! But why did you attack everyone but not me?"

Lan Feng glanced at Han and said, "I find you very interesting. As for them, they bore me. Also, you have power immunity so I don't want to waste time on you."

“Oh, so that’s why.” Han shrugged his shoulders, and prepared to leave the 5th Stage of Pressure Exam and go to the final stage.

Lan Feng raised his head, looked at the cloudy sky, and said like a philosopher, “People, why do they force others to do things they don’t want to? If I’m not some soldier or esper, then I don’t need to go to the Milky Way Meet, how nice would that be.”

Han smiled, “You were forced to come here?”

Lan Feng slightly nodded, and asked Han, “Are you not?”

Shua~

The two people left the exam and returned to the square together.

Han said in a deep voice, “I’m not forced to come here. In fact, if you really don’t like to come here, why not just directly eliminate yourself right away?”

Lan Feng sighed and said, “If I’m eliminated, then they will say again that I brought disgrace to the Blue family.”

“Who?”

“Mom and dad.”

“Uh, then never mind. It’s normal for parents to have some expectations for their kids, who doesn’t want their children to succeed.”

“I don’t like it.”

“Then you have to make it clear to your parents that you don’t want to be a soldier, and then they might not force you anymore.”

“Two months ago, I said I wanted to be a painter, they didn’t agree. Last month I said I wanted to be a race car driver and they didn’t agree as well. This month, I think I could be a doctor that helped others, they still do not agree. If you encounter such parents, you will also feel helpless right?” Lan Feng said very seriously.

Han gave Lan Feng the white eye, “If I’m one of your parents, I won’t agree too.”

“Why not? You just supported me to make it clear to my parents.” Lan Feng asked, puzzled.

“Because the speed of your goal changing, isn’t it a bit too fast? A while ago you want to become a painter, and a little bit later, you want to be a racer, and then you turn your head and say you want to be a doctor. That’s not called a goal, those are delusions.”

“But those are decisions I made after careful consideration, it’s

not a delusion. Didn't you ever think about what you wanted to be?"

"Yep, I want to be a soldier." Han replied without hesitation.

"And then?"

"Be a soldier."

"And then?"

"Be a soldier."

"How about when you are old?"

"Be a soldier."

"What about when you are old enough that you can't be a soldier?"

"Then I will go rent a shop and sell meat buns."

"Meat buns? What are those?"

"It's a type of food. You get a fresh-baked pancake around a chunk of hot braised belly pork, plus green pepper and cumin. It's very delicious."

Lan Fen scratched his chin and thought for a bit, “It’s sounds pretty good. When I have time I want to try that.”

“Haha, sure, if there’s an opportunity I will make it for you.”

“Ah, yes, what was your dream when you were a child?”

“Open a shop and sell meat buns.”

“Then isn’t that the same as your dream when you are old?”

“Ya, is that very strange?”

“Of course! Do you only have two dreams in your life? One is to be a soldier, and otherwise you want to sell meat buns?”

“Yep, you are right. I like both of those jobs.”

“You are the most dreamless man I’ve seen.” Lan Feng stared at Han and said, emphasizing every word.

Han also stared at Lan Feng, and said word by word, “You are also the most deluded man I’ve seen.”

Somehow, Han and Lan Feng actually started more conversations, and the two both came to the square for the last

test.

Han looked up and looked around. Suddenly, he saw a very familiar figure in the square, a black leather cloth that tightly wrapped her whole body, yet it was still not enough to conceal her beautiful body. Golden hair shining like the bright sun, a perfect little face, flawless snow white skin, just like a fine porcelain doll giving people a very unreal feeling.

Wasn't that Ye Weiwei?

When transferred to the last stage of the pressure exam, Lan Feng got teleported to some other corner of the square. Han thought for a moment, and walked straight to the side of Ye Weiwei. Ye Weiwei noticed Han too, and was somewhat surprised.

“What a coincidence, we meet again.” Han's face showed that harmless smile again, and he whispered.

Chapter 72: Meet Again

The world has always been strange, some people you see every day but you can never remember their name, but some people you just encounter by chance but you will remember for a lifetime.

When Ye Weiwei saw Han again, her heart actually felt an inexplicable surprise. Her two little paws (TL: not actually paws, just a cute way of saying small hands) immediately hid back into the pocket, afraid that they would be held on to by Han again. It was not that the feeling of holding hands with Han was terrible, but Ye Weiwei had never been touched by others before that time and she was just not used to being too intimate with others yet.

“What a coincidence haha, we meet again.” Han smiled and said, and then he began to look for Lan Feng. This was so strange, just now the two were having a good conversation and in a blink of an eye this Lan Feng guy is gone?

Ye Weiwei followed Han and looked around. She curiously asked, “You are looking for someone?”

“Yep.” Han nodded, “I just made a new friend. He’s got an agreeable personality, but in a blink of an eye, he disappeared. Maybe he already entered the arena.”

“Oh? Don’t move, there is something on your face.”

Ye Weiwei was shocked, but she listened and didn’t make any moves, letting Han use his finger tip and gently rub her face for a

moment.

Shua~

Ye Weiwei's little face became red right away. She never thought that Han actually wouldn't go for her hands this time but would actually jump straight to touching her face! What should I do! He's becoming more daring!

Han gently blew on his finger and said, "I guess it's also not good to have a skin so white, even a little dust can be seen. Although it's just dust in virtual reality, but it also has some aesthetic impact."

Staring at Ye Weiwei's little face and taking a careful look, Han lightly nodded his head and said, "That's better! Wait, why are you blushing?"

"I...I...I..." Ye Weiwei was stunned for a long time, and she couldn't make out a full sentence. No one can blame her, Ye Weiwei was too much of a special case. It was just something too normal for other people, If Han were to help other girls by cleaning some dust off of them, they might even thank him, but for Ye Weiwei, it was just too much.

"I remember you used to speak without stuttering?" Han slightly frowned, and whispered, "Don't get nervous, I won't eat you."

Finished~

Ye Weiwei's mind short circuited The saying went, there's

always a counter to something and the Ye Weiwei that had always been so stubborn and arrogant now couldn't even talk without stuttering.

Both Han and Ye Weiwei looked up at the numbers on the screen at the center of the square.

The last stage in the pressure exam was called the Path to the Netherworld. An individual round started the moment it had ten thousand people, lasting an entire 24-hour period.

Participants under no circumstances were allowed to leave in advance. They must wait until the end of the test. Killing other people during the test could earn points and being able to protect oneself well will also earn points. There will be uncertain elements in the process to cause interference.

Overall, this was a big test of survival. All participants taking the test will go through 24 hours of high tension because any error may lead to the fate of being eliminated.

At the moment, the number had past 9300 people. They just needed 700 more people and they could get started on the Path to the Netherworld.

Yi Weiwei decided to quickly get away from Han and hide in the crowd because if she stayed longer with Han, who know what will happen. She had just met Han for a total of three times but as a result both her little paws and cute face were already touched by Han.

The Han that didn't belong to the pervert category, was even scarier than the worst pervert in Ye Weiwei's eyes. She's completely no match for Han and she couldn't do anything to him.

“I'm going to go take the test!”

Shua~

Ye Weiwei jumped up like a little cat and rushed into the portal with her head lowered, not even daring to take another look at Han.

Han didn't say anything. He always treated Ye Weiwei like a little girl and didn't know that his actions were absolutely ridiculous in the eyes of Ye Weiwei. Han didn't even suspect that he was the scariest figure that she has ever encountered.

Surrounded by a lot of unfriendly eyes, Han knew these were the people that were thinking of trading his head for the bounty.

“Among the ten thousand participants, there are probably a few thousand that want my head. Whatever, who cares if it's a nest of dragons or cave of tigers, I will just give it a shot. Whatever should come, will come sooner or later.” Han thought.

So, Han smiled, stepped into the nearest portal into the last stage of the pressure exam.

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Whirring~

Ye Weiwei clutched her heart with one hand, and opened her mouth gasping for breath. She finally managed to escape the scary Han, but there was still lingering fear in her heart.

“Damn the pressure exam, why did they make it so realistic!” Ye Weiwei’s little temper began to act up again and she started to complain about the organizers of the pressure exam.

When Han held her little hands or touched her face, Ye Weiwei couldn’t adapt at all. Her reactions could almost be mistaken as symptoms of a deadly illness; blushing, a quickening heart rate, shortness of breath and dizziness.

Shua~

The final stage began. Ye Weiwei got teleported to the stadium. There was one yellow dirt path to the Mirror Lake in the distance, and it was flanked by dense trees and hills.

Looking around, the contestants were all some unknown espers, no Han.

Thank god, Ye Weiwei finally eased up. As long as she doesn’t meet Han, she was able to immediately resume her usual confidence. Gently smiling, taking off her gloves, she exposed her

pair of extremely soft white hands. As well, the removal of her half sleeved leather jacket exposed her white, lotus like, thin arms.

The ten second countdown ended and the majority of espers around Ye Weiwei have already entered the jungle on the side to hide. There were also some relatively higher level fighters who were more audacious and confident. These ones attacked the participants around them right away in order to get higher points.

“What a beautiful little bitch, but being pretty is useless in this situation! If you want to blame, then blame the system that spawned you too close to me!”

On Ye Weiwei’s right hand side, a very tall and big soldier shouted as he rushed towards her.

From the registry information, he was a soldier of the Sal Republic, one of the permanent members of the Milky Way Alliance. He was at the intermediate 5-star level and could be considered to be a top-notch presence on the battlefield. That was why he had the confidence to directly attack Ye Weiwei without hesitation.

In addition, Ye Weiwei’s registry information showed that her level was at the beginner 5-star level, a lot lower than that soldier from the Sal Republic. She was also coincidentally closest to him, so she naturally became his prey.

As long as she didn’t face Han, Ye Weiwei’s confidence and pride could be fully displayed. She sneered, and actually turned her back

to the attacker and didn't even look at him.

The situation was very dangerous, that soldier was at least 2.3 meters tall and weighed over 300 pounds. The skinny and tiny Ye Weiwei was like a little cat in front of him. The two people were on completely different levels in physique.

At this moment, the attacking soldier had already jumped up with his arms open, transforming into something like the root of a huge tree which was gradually spreading.

Wood descent!

He was a wood descent esper!

Kacha~

Just when the vines that were originally from his hands were about to capture Ye Weiwei, a blue lightning bolt sliced down from the sky, directly striking that man in the air!

He only felt dizzy, since he was after all, an intermediate 5-star level esper with strong survivability traits from his wood descent. One lightning bolt was obviously not enough to kill him.

But at that moment, boom! Boom! Boom!

A blue lightning storm that had formed above began to attack

like crazy, unleashing lightning bolt after lightning bolt! In one breath, this big burly soldier had been burned into a tall piece of charcoal. The lightning bolt shower didn't stop until his body was fully cooked!

Hengh~

Ye Weiwei proudly raised her head, and, like a majestic queen, serenely walked into the woods on the left side of the road.

A few minutes passed.

Boom~

Someone that tried to attack Ye Weiwei from the back got killed.

Boom~

Someone else that tried to surprise her also got killed.

Boom~ Boom~

Who would've thought, a weak-looking little girl could have such a terrifying ability. The thunder was like a loyal guardian looking after her, instantly striking anyone that tried to attack Ye Weiwei.

There were also a few unlucky guys who didn't even intend to

attack Ye Weiwei. They became medium-rare just for being too close to her. Wherever Ye Weiwei walked, that was where people ran away like a stampede and where a trail of medium-rare to well done bodies could be found.

Ye Weiwei's pretty face displayed a little bit of arrogance. Suddenly, she heard the sound of a fierce battle in the forest ahead so she followed the noise and walked towards the scene.

Not too far away Ye Weiwei saw a clearing in the forest. 7 to 8 espers were in a battle against one, but that beleaguered person had extraordinarily ferocious close combat techniques. For someone like Ye Weiwei who has witnessed countless battles between elites ever since she was small, she actually couldn't see through that person's moves.

It seems like the guy wasn't even using any moves and solely relied on his own instincts in battle. When looking at how he was obviously about to attack the enemy on his left hand side, but the result was the fat guy on his right got crushed, Ye Weiwei was stunned.

"So interesting!" Ye Weiwei was shocked, her eyes were shining as she said to herself.

That besieged esper was simply playing out the full potential of the element of surprise, and those opponents that were accustomed to routine tactics couldn't be more uncomfortable. In addition, his fist was very hard, very very hard. As long as he punched, then it will be a critical hit! One punch was enough to break through an opponent's body!

“It’s actually him!”

Ye Weiwei finally saw the face of that besieged man. It was that Han that she was most afraid of. That little arrogance that had just surfaced on her face was now completely gone. The special existence of Han was like her destined nemesis. Everyone was afraid of Ye Weiwei but only Han wasn’t. Han even touched her!

“He’s actually that strong?” Ye Weiwei couldn’t help but think about it.

Suddenly, the number of people sieging Han reached more than a dozen people. More astonishing however, was that Han was still holding the advantage. When the enemies attacked him, he would exchange with his strange moves!

Fight to kill!

Hit every punch!

Trade eye with eye!

Only surrender in death!

Without question, Han not only had a tough fist, but h was also a master at physical combat!

In the past, Ye Weiwei only had an impression of Han's frivolous side, but now inadvertently, she also discovered Han's valorous side.

However, just when Ye Weiwei was surprised that Han was actually a formidable warrior, something dangerous approached!

Chapter 73: Before The Flowers And Under The Moon

Just when Ye Weiwei was watching Han battle against the dozen other contestants, danger approached!

Behind her, two espers hidden in the dark suddenly jumped out. One of them had the ability to transform into a beast, and he turned himself into a monster covered in silvery hair with jagged fangs and with claws like sharp knives.

“Be Careful!”

In desperation, Han yelled and suddenly rushed towards Ye Weiwei.

Anyone who knew Ye Weiwei always saw her as a scourge. After all, the lightning storm guardian was very unreasonable and high-handed. Regardless of whether someone was an enemy, anyone who got too close to her will all get sliced by lightning.

But Han didn't think that way. In his eyes, Ye Weiwei was quite weak and didn't resemble a combat-type esper, but rather a stealth or mobility type esper. Anyway, when he was with Ye Weiwei, Han never felt anything powerful or extraordinary about this girl.

Thus, something absurd happened. Han was preoccupied with a ton of enemies, but instead, he wanted to go save Ye Weiwei, who was higher level than Han, and had an ability on the same level as

Han's.

Bang~

Bang~

While trying to break out of the circle, Han felt two hard punches on his back. He still manned up and acted like it didn't hurt, and rushed to Ye Weiwei's side. Showing off his solid fist, he dashed towards the two espers that were trying to attack Ye Weiwei!

Void Domain, open!

Boom~

Boom~

Han's fist landed on the two raiders like a hammer, and immediately took their lives!

Turning around, Han smiled at Ye Weiwei and wiped away the blood on the side of his mouth. He then charged right back at the dozen enemies that were ganging up on him. After waves and waves of his dark fist bombardment, the enemies that were still alive were thinning out.

Han only focused on attacking and didn't see Ye Weiwei's expression. It was a face of surprise to the extreme.

What a joke, since when did Ye Weiwei need Han's protection? However, Han came with his void domain, so he not only took away those two sneaky attackers' abilities, but also Ye Weiwei's lightning storm!

Ye Weiwei's storm guardian didn't take the initiative to protect her so the situation looked like Han playing the hero to the beauty's rescue.

And that smile Han gave to Ye Weiwei, it seemed to have some profound meaning, as if to say, "Don't worry, I'm still here."

Oh god!

The Ye Weiwei that could easily kill anyone actually became the female lead of Han's rendition of the Hero to the Rescue! What?!

"So he can take my ability!"

Ye Weiwei really did not know how to describe her feelings at that moment. When the powerful lightning storm power made her so strong, didn't it also become her burden? She didn't dare to wear a skirt like a normal little girl, have pets, and after living for this long, beside a group of loyal servants, Ye Weiwei didn't even have a single friend.

Ye Weiwei began to vaguely realize, the fact that Han could nullify her ability, could be very life changing to her.

Boom~

The power of the dark fist could instantly kill any 4-star espers.

Soon, Han was able to demolish the attacking espers. Other than two or three participants that ran after seeing the situation go sour, the majority were killed by Han.

Han deactivated his void domain and came to Ye Weiwei, who was still in extreme shock. With her large widened eyes and mouth open, at this moment she was actually more beautiful than before, but also a bit silly.

Han smiled and asked, “Are you okay?”

Ye Weiwei hastily shook her head, “I’m fine, and you?”

Han just wiped away the blood splattered on his shirt and said, “I’m fine, just some wounds on the skin.”

Ye Weiwei began to feel unprecedented interest in Han, and asked in curiosity, “Why did they join forces to attack you?”

“Because of a bounty. Someone doesn’t want soldiers from the Earth Federation to make it to the finals, so they placed a 2 million GC bounty on my head. Right now, I’m going to head that direction, how about you?”

Ye Weiwei looked at the direction Han pointed, and saw that it was a hilly region on the left side of the path to the netherworld. They were pretty far apart.

Ye Weiwei frowned and said, “This stage is called the Road to the Netherworld, and I saw everyone else all followed this path to get to the Mirror Lake in the distance.”

Han nonchalantly said, “Who said that I have to do what everyone else does? The main path that everyone else is taking only leads to some big ass lake that I can already see in the distance. Even by standing here, I know what scenery to expect at the lake, so why wouldn’t I go somewhere where I can enjoy some scenery that I can’t see from here?”

“Look at the hills, and how sharp their tops are. A lot like rows of swords right? If I cross these hills, maybe I can see something even prettier than the beautiful Mirror Lake scenery on the other side.”

Ye Weiwei suddenly realized that Han’s logic was quite special. She thought for a moment, slightly lowered her head and said, “But after you cross those mountains, you might not see anything.”

“Then I will just come back, no big deal.” Han said carelessly, “If you are scared you can go straight to the Mirror Lake, just be careful.”

Scared?

Ye Weiwei's little temper immediately exploded. She pouted like a kid, left the main road immediately and went towards the mountains.

Ye Weiwei felt that Han was a very special person. Not to mention his abilities, even his character was very unique. When everyone else were thinking of going to the Mirror Lake, only he wants to go climb the mountains. Hopefully it was just like Han said, that they can enjoy beautiful scenery after passing these mountains. Otherwise it wouldn't really be worth the hassle.

Soon, the two arrived at the foot of the mountain and began to climb.

On the way they didn't encounter any opponents, and Ye Weiwei started to lightly complain, "There's no one here, we will probably receive a lot less points."

Due to the harsh environment in the last stage of pressure exam, espers that can survive will receive 200 points. As well, every eliminated enemy will grant 2 points. That means, if one wants to get a perfect score in this round, he or she needs to kill at least 400 opponents.

Han said in a deep voice, "We are going to make it to the finals anyways, what good will more points do?"

"A high score can prove that you are very strong." Ye Weiwei quickly replied.

Han gently laughed, “You are so naïve. Suppose I want to prove how strong I am, I will use my own strength and blood. But don’t you think it’s a bit childish to see how strong someone is based on the score they get in virtual reality?”

“This battle will not kill you no matter what, but the moment you join the Milky Way Meet finals and enter the Extinction Domain, that’s when you can lose your life. It will be totally different than the pressure exam.”

“People that can win in this virtual world can at most be said to have decent strength, but those that can truly survive in a battle to the death, that’s true formidable strength!

Ye Weiwei felt that her worldview was again refreshed. What Han said made a lot of sense, the pressure exam were merely virtual battles that couldn’t really kill people. There was still a huge difference when compared to real life or death battles.

Those true gods of war were never the ones that scored the highest in some virtual reality battle. They were powerful because of how they are undefeatable in reality!

“Could it be, he didn’t even use his full strength?” Ye Weiwei looked at Han like a little fox. For someone at Han’s level, his performance was already against the principles of heaven, but could that still not be Han’s full strength? When he arrives at the battlefield of life and death, he could be even stronger?

Most girls have a little hero worship plot, and after knowing that Han was actually a lot stronger than she thought, Ye Weiwei's evaluation of Han drastically improved.

Most girls also liked guys who don't follow conventional rules. Han's way of thinking was very unique, and that also attracted Ye Weiwei.

Without realizing it, the two had already reached the top of the mountain. Looking down from the top, it was actually mountains covered in fields of white cherry blossoms. The petals were dancing in the air, and the scenery was unparalleled.

Among the cherry blossom forest, there was also a lake. Although it wasn't as big as the one at the end of the Path to the Netherworld, this lake was more elegant. The water was very clear with a hint of green and white pebbles could be seen to cover the bottom of the lake. It was surrounded by blue rocks, and there was a little creek from the mountain that flowed into the lake.

"So beautiful!" Ye Weiwei couldn't help but exclaimed. If it wasn't for Han, Ye Weiwei would have gone down that dirt path to the gloomy Mirror Lake.

But now, taking a road that no one else had been on before, Han and Ye Weiwei were able to see such a stunning scenery that no one else had seen before. This was all because of Han's distinctive choice.

"Hum, it's quite nice. We can just stay here till the trial is over."

“Yes!” Ye Weiwei nodded heavily. The always so stubborn Ye Weiwei, seemed to be more obedient now.

Han and Ye Weiwei came down the hill into the fragrant cherry blossom sea.

Han suddenly frowned, and whispered, “Someone’s following us, don’t be afraid, I got it.”

Ye Weiwei really wanted to volunteer to fight that stalker, but she suddenly felt that it was actually not that bad to feel like a little girl who was being protected. After all, this was an experience she never had before.

Shua~

A shadow suddenly jumped out from the side, his two fists are covered in ice. Obviously, it was an Ice descent esper.

Peng~

Han’s void domain deprived him of his ability right away, and then the dark fist followed. The one punch was enough to send that guy flying.

Ye Weiwei narrowed her eyes, quietly watching everything on the side. She suddenly felt that Han looked quite handsome when

he was waving his fist around. Now that she thought about it, she never saw Han deliver a second punch on the same guy, all his enemies were killed by Han within one punch.

Beside the light blue and green lake, under the pink and white cherry blossoms, Ye Weiwei blushed and said to Han, “Umm, can I ask you for a favor?”

“Go ahead.” Han was looking around. It was a habit. Although the scenery was beautiful, it was still a battlefield, and Han never dropped his guard.

Ye Weiwei whispered, “Can you continue to use your power? As in always use it, you can’t withdraw it no matter what.”

Han felt that this request was a bit odd, but he still nodded and agreed.

He only saw Ye Weiwei closed her eyes. She felt that her lightning storm power was actually being collected by Han. After confirming that her storm guardian wouldn’t interfere, she carefully removed her combat boots, exposing a pair of white small feet and sat down by the lake, soaking her little feet in the lake.

“Hey, fish! It’s a school of fish! They are biting my feet!” Ye Weiwei was very excited, and she cried out like a child.

Han felt very puzzled, and frowned, “What’s the fuss about?”

“But they are fish! They are so small!” Ye Weiwei continued to yell excitedly.

Han said, “These fish are not really biting you, they are just playing with you. When animals are small they are all very playful, just like puppies and kittens. They will just seize every opportunity to have fun and play. But when they get old, they will just lie in the yard under the sun, scratching their body. So I still like small animals. Although they can be a bit naughty, but they are more playful.”

After some time passed, Ye Weiwei found a nest of small birds from the forest, twittering their necks. They saw Ye Weiwei as their mother and started tweeting, asking her for food.

“It’s a family of small birds! Look, so many little birds, they are so cute too!” Ye Weiwei began to fuss again, her fingers were gently stroking the little birds, and she also held them up against her face. To be able to be so intimate with small animals without wearing gloves, it made Ye Weiwei very excited.

Ye Weiwei suddenly felt way too happy today. She could actually be like an ordinary girl, taking off her shoes and soaking her feet in the lake. As well, she could use her fingers and touch these newborn little birds, my god, it was just like her dream!

“It would be nice if I had some food, they all look really hungry.” Ye Weiwei placed the nest of little birds in her arms and smiled at Han and said.

Han's expression was rather strange, "Everything's virtual, after this round ends, everything will disappear, so you don't have to be too concerned about that."

"Everything will disappear..."

"Everything will disappear..."

Ye Weiwei's face became pale as she continued to repeat that sentence.

What Han said was the truth but what followed was an unprecedented feeling, making Ye Weiwei feel like she didn't want to let go no matter what. Even if it was the world's most deadly poison, Ye Weiwei wouldn't hesitate to drink it because she had fallen deeply into the desire for life, and couldn't recover herself.

Ye Weiwei looked up. She had a delicate and charming look, and her eyes were full of hope.

"Han, I want to ask you another favor." Ye Weiwei's face was hot like it was burning, and said in a begging tone.

Chapter 74: Promise

Han paused for a brief moment, “What is it?”

Ye Weiwei summoned up her courage and said, “Ten years ago they activated the A-7 Relic, so this time the Milky Way Meet will activate the A-19 for the final exam. All the contestants qualified for the final competition will all arrive early at the planet where the A-19 is located. If there’s no accident, then both you and I will go. By then, I want to ask you to take me to an amusement park.”

Seeing Ye Weiwei’s eyes filled with hope, Han scratched his head and said, “And I thought it was something important or serious. Going to the amusement park is obviously no problem.”

Ye Weiwei blushed again. Lowering her head with her small paws rubbing her clothes, she whispered, “Also, I want to wear a dress...”

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Somewhere in the Milky Way, Ye Family.

Ula~

Viva~

Loud cheers bursted out of a huge room in a courtyard. The

hollering and yelling was almost enough to lift up the roof.

In Han's opinion, although Ye Weiwei's request was a bit strange, it was not a big deal so he agree.

At the same time, a crowd of people with Ye family's old housekeeper as the lead were all so happy that even tears started to drop. A few of Ye Weiwei's bodyguards held together and cried out loud, and even the old housekeeper hands were shivering out of excitement.

"That Master Han is a really good man!"

"Of course, he's the savior of our Ye family!"

"As long as Miss can live a long life of happiness, I'm willing to even be a horse for Master Han!"

"Happy, I'm so happy today! Bring the wine, the good kind!"

Everyone was so happy for their Miss was going to have her first date. Even though the ones actually involved, Ye Weiwei and Han may not think it's a date, but in the eyes of these loyal servants of the Ye family, going to an amusement park had very deep meanings.

The chief of guards, Ye Xiangdong rushed into the toilet for quite a while and came out with red eyes. He found Ye Hua and said in a deep voice, "You were right. If back then I had gone my way and just captured Han, it might've actually ruined everything."

Ye Hua let out a long sigh in relief and said, “After all, our Miss has a very strong personality. If we captured Han and forced those two to be together, Miss will obviously try to resist due to reverse psychology.”

“Now it’s different, Miss recognized the special nature of Han so she asked Han for a date. The effect is far better than using force.”

“Although our Ye family is best at using force, emotional matters can’t be resolved by force. It requires a gradual process.”

Generally speaking, girls taking the initiative to ask boys out was not something to be proud of. But the Ye family’s situation was way too unique, who would still care about pride. In the eyes of Ye family, Han was like the last resort that could save their young miss.

So, unknowingly, Han gained a huge fan base somewhere in the galaxy. From Ye Hua to the cleaning ladies of the Ye Family, they all loved Han no matter what angle they view him from.

In the room, a tall, dark clothed, man called Ye Mi grabbed his weapon and started heading out but he was stopped by Ye Hua.

“Where are you going?”

Ye Mi said, “I’m happy for Miss. I heard that a jade and golden eagle appeared on the Fridley planet. I intend to go capture it and

bring it back as Miss's engagement gift."

Engagement?!

Ye Hua sank his face. What is even happening anymore. Preparing an engagement gift right now, isn't that a bit too anxious?

Who knew, Ye Mi's plan actually received the support of the majority in the room. Suddenly everyone got excited, some wanted to go to the sky and catch birds of heaven, some wanted to go into the sea and catch fish. Misfortune basically landed on all the rare animals in the Milky Way, they suddenly were all targeted by the Ye family.

According to their understanding, since Han's power could suppress Ye Weiwei's power, then Ye Weiwei could finally touch animals and have pets. And since Ye Weiwei loves little animals, then gifting rare animals will certainly make Miss happy.

Ye Hua deliberately coughed twice, went to the center of the room, and said in a deep voice, "Y'all be quiet! I understand that you guys are happy for Miss, but it's still too early to prepare things like engagement gifts! I'd say, we have something much more important! And that's our Miss's first date!"

Shua~

The people in the room heard that and suddenly looked dignified,

as if they are going to up against some terrible enemy.

Ye Hua then continued, “The importance of this first date, I believe it’s needless to say. You guys should be well aware; we must not allow even the slightest mistake!”

“Ye Xiangdong and the people from the pro-guard troops must immediately leave for the planet where the A-19 is located. Finish the arrangements for security matters, and also send our royal ace fleet for peripheral guard!”

“Miss is used to living in a house with a large garden. Considering how much Miss loves little animals and may want to hug them, our temporary housing must have a forest, a zoo, and have as many species of animals as possible. We will also need a lake no less than one square kilometer, and start breeding all kinds of interesting fish right away.”

“If you can find a house that can meet these requirements then that’s good. If not, then let our engineering team build one!”

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Just when the whole Ye family was busy fussing over a small date, something that would deeply affect Earth was happening.

On the planet of Ganges, one of the Milky Way Alliance’s twelve permanent members.

Prime minister Mo De's house, Sally Empire's chancellery Levi finally met the great leader.

In the Milky Way, the 12 permanent members reign supreme, the number of fleets owned by these twelve add up to more than the rest of the 10 thousand member countries in the Alliance combined. So, although Levi was the highly regarded Chancellor of an empire, he still needed to act like a servant in front of Mo De.

All human countries in the Milky Way were divided into four grades. The 1st grade were the 12 permanent management member countries, the 2nd grade were the 128 non-permanent management member countries, the 3rd grade had about 6000 member countries, and the 4th grade were countries like Earth called Observer Member countries, totalling to about 6000 as well.

The Sally Empire was one of the stronger countries in the 3rd grade members, but they were still a simple piece of dust for giant countries like Ganges, so Levi pulled a lot of strings in his network and sent many gifts in order to receive the rare opportunity to unofficially meet the Prime Minister Mo De.

In the spacious and luxurious living room, Levi carefully sat down across from the Prime Minister.

Mo De said arrogantly, "You propose to regulate the Earth Federation in your 57th regulatory region, what kind of country is that again? How come I don't remember a thing about it?"

Levi hastily replied, "The Earth Federation is just a trivial country with a total of only 15 billion population, and no more

than 150 thousand total espers. We want to colonize and regulate Earth, completely out of the responsibility we feel towards the Alliance. The Earth Federation is weak and incompetent. Not to mention how they are constantly harassed by raiders, none of them even made it to the finals of the Milky Way Meet this year.”

“The Milky Way alliance is composed of 13 thousand human countries and 100 thousand spots were given out for the Meet which averages to each country having around 8. However, Earth couldn’t even find a single qualified esper, which shows that Earth is truly not worthy of being a separate member country by itself.”

“Sigh~ Our Sally Empire is a responsible big country in the Milky Way Alliance, we can’t bear to watch the people of Earth endure poverty and chaos. That’s why we proposed to regulate Earth in its government’s place. In fact, that crappy planet, they don’t have the espers nor the resources, and after we take it over we will even have to make a big investment in order to keep Earth functioning, so it’s really a business that will lose us money.”

What Levi said was even more nice than singing. Belittling Earth to the extreme, what a treacherous politician’s face.

Mo De was someone even craftier than Levi as a politician. He pretended to worry, sighed and said, “Oh, such a miserable planet. In order to help the people avoid suffering, Sally Empire is willing to lend them a helping hand, it is a really a charity.”

“If that’s the case, then I will just say some thing about this during the Meet conference for you. But the result will still depend on what everyone else thinks. After all, members of the Alliance

are like brothers, and this isn't something that we, the Ganges Republic, can decide by ourselves."

Levi quickly stood up and bowed, "Then I must thank Prime Minister! In addition, I heard that during this Meet, the Alliance is thinking about including two non-permanent members, I don't know what the Alliance intends?"

Mo De laughed, "Your Sally Empire is naturally under consideration by the permanent members, but well, for a meal you have to eat it bite by bite. This time, it will be good enough if you guys colonize Earth. About that non-permanent member spot, you will have to slowly compete for it with the others."

Levi knew, Mo De was again trying to ask for another wide price, if you do not give him enough advantage, he will not easily help Sally Empire become one of the non-permanent members, so Sally Empire might have to empty its wallet again.

But, the matter of Earth being colonized by Sally Empire was almost carved in stone. Levi successfully acquire Ganges Republic's support. For a small place like Earth that didn't even have any connections, it is hard for them to escape Sally Empire's hands this time.

Suddenly, just when Levi was very happy with the result, a servant of Mo De suddenly came to the side of Mo De and whispered something into his ear.

Then, Mo De Prime Minister's face completely changed, he

frowned and asked, “What happened? A soldier from Earth qualified for the Meet?”

Chapter 75: Nightmare

“What happened? Someone from Earth was qualified for the Meet?” Mo De frowned.

Levi hesitated, and then he quickly explained, “That can’t be right? I already placed a heavy bounty to kill all the contestants from Earth, their espers should be all eliminated right now.”

Mo De gently waved and said, “The Milky Way Meet Finals’ name list just came out, and an esper from Earth scored 3300, and was qualified for the race as the 40,000th esper.”

Mo De looked at Levi with eyes of disdain, and said in a deep voice, “If you guys can’t even take care of this properly, then I guess there’s still a long way for your little empire to become a non-permanent management member of the Alliance.”

“You can go now. Fortunately, the score of that soldier from Earth wasn’t very outstanding. You know what to do about him. If someone like Ke Lake appears on Earth again, then you don’t have to come ask me anymore. After all, right now the Alliance’s attention on the young talents has been stronger than ever. No one will care about a small place like Earth, but if they have an extremely talented young fighter, then all permanent management members of the Alliance will try to establish good relationships with him.”

Humph!

When Mo De finished, he was very dissatisfied and left the living room. On Levi's way out of Mo De's house, his back was covered in cold sweat. He was just talking about how incompetent Earth is and didn't have a single qualified esper, yet right after he said that he was hit by the fact in the face, it was way too embarrassing.

Levi grew more and more upset, and he tightened his fists.

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Sally Empire's Chancellor Levi's Exclusive Star Class Battle Ship.

On the way back from the Ganges Republic, Levi already made a mess in his office and sat on the couch sullenly.

"Who was responsible for placing the bounty on Earth espers?" Levi asked with a darkened face.

"Volga, Director of the Special Intelligence Department." Levi's secretary said in a deep voice.

"Life imprisonment, send him to the Britannia's death row." Levi angrily said, "How dare he embarrass me in the face of Prime Minister Mo De. Volga can consider his life to have come to an end."

The secretary gasped, Britannia prison was the most infamous death row in the Sally Empire, where the prisoners held there lived a life that was more painful than death. They cut off organs from

the prisoners to feed beasts, and they put cannibal ants in the cell to torment the prisoners nonstop. Those were just a few usual grueling practices they used at that prison.

In short, the Britannia was not a prison, but hell!

Director Volga was considered somewhat famous in the empire, yet he was sent directly into the cruelest death row just because of an oversight. It was clear that Levi was extremely angry. Of course, to be able to become the most trusted advisor of the inhuman King Figaro, Levi was always loaded with dark moves. It was just that he hid his true nature really well, and very few people understood the truth.

When talking about the Sally Empire, most people always brought up King Figaro the tyrant, but little did they know, Levi's brutality was even worse than Figaro.

"Yes, the secret police will take of this." The secretary noted down.

"Yep, and don't be afraid to cause a scene, I also want everyone to know the fate of those that goes against the wishes of the empire!" Levi coldly said.

The secretary wrote down the words "open arrest", he paused for a second, and whispered, "Your Excellency, as for the Earth Federation, should we show them some colors too?"

Humph!

Levi sneered while grinding his teeth as he looked out the window and said, “Prime minister Mo De specifically warned us, if we want to make Earth a dead planet but also take control of it, we need to learn how to cover up our moves. Otherwise, if the Milky Way Alliance knew that we were the culprit behind all that mess on Earth, it will be a disgrace as well. Our Sally Empire wishes to become one of the non-permanent management members, we have to care about our reputation too.”

“Then, are we just going to let them get away?” The secretary asked in confusion, it was very unlike Levi’s usual style.

Haha haha~

Levi started laughing out loud, “Let them get away? In their dreams! I’m going to let them feel the torment painful enough for them to beg for death!”

“For all these years we want to colonize Earth, our Ministry of Intelligence also bribed a few esper traitors on the interior government structure of Earth. I will use them and cause the people on Earth to kill each other.”

“Notify the covert biological and chemical sector, and send the newly developed nightmare virus to Earth. Tell them that this is a magic level drug that can quickly improve power source level.”

The secretary was shocked, and then said excitedly, “Your Excellency, what a great idea! Those esper traitors on Earth always trusted us, after all, our scientific and technological level is a lot higher than Earth, and if we send the Nightmare drug to them as some magic pills, they will take it and go wild, and cause massive chaos on Earth!”

“That way, we don’t need to hire outlaws anymore. We can let Earth unknowingly fall into the endless nightmare!”

Suddenly, the secretary thought for a bit and said, “But your Excellency, this way, we will destroy all of the costly eyes that we set up on Earth, is the price a little too big?”

Levi narrowed his eyes, and sneered, “Originally, I was going to leave some people alive when we colonize Earth, but now I prefer killing them all! Every last one of them! They didn’t obey us, and that will be the price they have to pay!”

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Walking past the empty hall, Han couldn’t help but look at the sofa that were once crowded with his companions. In the past, there were 49 members, and everyone would gather in the hall for a drink every day, and chat for a bit. But now, it was just him left.

The largest #1 Training room in the base had already set up in accordance to Han’s instructions a special object. A memory metal block that weighed one hundred tons. Its length, width, and height were all 5 meters.

Closing the door, Han logged onto the dark net and found Pathless.

Ever since he got back from the pressure exam, Han found himself experiencing a problem, a very serious problem. Any combat suit worn by Han, the moment Han used the dark fist, the right arm portion of the suit would be torn.

The Pathless on the screen seemed to be lost in thought, constantly rubbing his chin, and then said in a deep voice, “Now the problem is a bit serious, as you improve your grasp of the dark forces, normal level battle suits will no longer be able to withstand the force of the dark force.”

“To be honest, I never expected that too. Seems like your dark power is a bit too unexpectedly powerful. Now we need to figure out the movement trajectory of the dark force every time after you use dark fist, so we need to use this piece of memory metal.”

“As the name suggests, after being punched, this memory metal will remember how your dark force works. Now I already have some doubts but I’m still not sure, and we will need this experiment to find out.”

“When you are ready, hit the metal with full strength, and let me see how you used your dark energy to destroy your enemies.”

Han nodded and began to gather his strength.

Through long term practice, Han had already adapted to the newly acquired strength from the Dark King, and this strength was usually hidden within Han's body. To unleash this power, he must first become angry.

Witnessing his companions die, Earth suffering humiliation, whenever Han thought of the past, he always had an irrepressible anger. This was when the power of darkness began to aggregate. The stronger the rage, the stronger the power!

Shua~

Darkness poured from his fingers, slowly covering Han's iron fist.

Arm strengthened!

Dark Fist!

Boom!

The dark fist hit that piece of dark grey memory metal, and Han just saw that 100 pounds of metal immediately began to distort, rotating like a vortex. The dark energy began to spread rapidly, and the center of the metal was burst open with a hole of at least 1 meter in diameter.

Just one punch, Han thoroughly penetrated and deformed that 100 tons of memory metal!

The originally square-shaped piece of metal, became as hideous as a monster's head.

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Nazca Base, Vice-Admiral Heinrich's office.

It was deep into night, the mountain breeze whistling through the trees.

Heinrich sat at the table drinking a bottle of tequila, brewed with Mexican cacti. It was a very intense type of alcohol.

Glass after glass, Heinrich's eyes gradually turned red, and he began breathing heavily.

Spreading out his steely hard palm, there was a black capsule. The person that gave it to him said it was a powerful source energy drug. Eat it, and he will become the strongest man on Earth and easily kill Long Chuan.

Plump~

Heinrich put a little salt on his tongue, and then drank a large glass of high quality tequila.

“Become the strongest man on Earth...”

“Become the strongest man on Earth...”

Heinrich said it over and over again, and finally in the night, he started laughing madly, and swallowed that black capsule down with his drink.

Chapter 76: Strongest Man On Earth

#1 Practice Room in Training camp.

Pathless was shocked for a while before recovering, and he asked Han, “Comparing to the time in pressure exam, comparing your dark fist from then and now, how is the strength?”

Han recalled for a moment, and said, “Somewhat similar, the only problem is whether I can accurately hit the enemy’s vital. As long as I hit the opponent, no one can get up.”

Pathless nodded and said, “It seems like the strength bestowed by that half of the Heart of Darkness finally stabilized in your body, so it’s not a question of the purity of dark forces, but the complex changes that comes after you use your dark force.”

“Changes?”

“Yes, look at this piece of memory metal. It doesn’t look like something that was hit by a fist, but rather like it was torn apart by the bite of a monster. When your power hits it, the dark energy began to radiate in random patterns. It’s like placing a bomb into the enemy’s body and then detonating it, causing a powerful strength that tears everything apart.” Pathless expressed his judgement confidently.

Han suddenly came to a realization, “Now I understand a little now, it’s like a powerful drill, the drill itself cannot piece the metal, but the drill rotates, and under high speed spinning it is able

to crush the hardest metal.”

Pathless laughed, “Something like that. Anyway, after you punch, the dark energy will radiate and tear your opponent apart, and that’s what’s most frightening. As for the damage of the combat suit, it’s normal. When you use excessive force your dark power will also impact the combat uniform too, so the black Kylin that protected your right arm portion will also get torn to pieces.”

Han was a bit speechless, “Then what do I do? In such a short time I already destroyed two combat suits, that’s all money!”

Pathless gave Han the white eye, “What can I do? You might as well can just keep wearing that black Kylin suit, it’s just missing its right arm portion, but the other part of the suit is still functioning. Just that pitiful amount of money that you have, it won’t even be enough to pay for all the knowledge I’m passing on to you. Don’t tell me you are even thinking about buying Ares-class equipment. Also, Ares-class equipment is not something you can get just with money, you also need to have enough relations.”

Han was speechless, after every battle he will damage a combat suit. The cost was too high. No wonder they say that being a soldier burns through money. Just keeping updated equipment was enough to make one bankrupt.

The fact was, the Silver Moon Crescent blade was already a bit dull as well, but it could still do its job.

Rumble~

Suddenly, a sound came from the outside of the training room. Han slightly frowned, the training room had very good sound proof walls, and if the voice could be heard even from the inside, could something be wrong?

“There seems to be a bit of a situation outside, let’s talk later.”

After finishing, Han retrieved his dark net login program, hastily stepping out of the training room and went to the window. He only saw the base in chaos, and many soldiers were in a siege battle against a dark monster. There were even battle aircrafts circling in the sky.

“Enemy attack?!”

Han was shocked for a moment, and he suddenly ran out of the camp towards the square at the center of base.

“Do not shoot! Do not shoot! Long Chuan is still in his hands!” An officer yelled at the aircraft in the sky.

An enemy that hijacked Admiral Long Chuan?

Han rushed into the crowd, only to see the man that hijacked Long Chuan was also a soldier. In a General uniform, he grabbed Long Chuan in one hand, and proudly moved forward. Soldiers were scared of hurting Long Chuan, so they did not dare to attack.

“It’s vice-admiral Heinrich!” Han saw the metal plate on that man’s uniform and was very surprised.

Heinrich was a very experienced veteran in the Earth Federation, as a Strength descent esper at the intermediate 4-star level, ranked 4th highest in level on Earth, why would he suddenly hijack Long Chuan, and why did he look like a demon now?

If he didn’t see that metal plate on the chest, Han really would’ve confused Heinrich as a devil. As a Northern European Caucasian descent, Heinrich’s entire body’s skin and muscle had already become pitch black in color. As well, both of his eyes were radiating green light, muscles bulging, bursting through the seams of his uniform which had become torn and was now barely an old rag that hung on him.

The vice-admiral that was at least 2 meters tall before was now at 2.5 meters under the effect of some stimulus. Plus the drastic size change, he was like a giant tiger standing in a crowd of poodles.

“I’m the strongest man! I’m the strongest man on Earth!” He shouted as he was surrounded by thousands of people.

He stretched out his black hands, and his nails had grown to be like eagle claws.

Gengci~

Heinrich easily pierced Long Chuan’s shoulder with a finger,

then lifted him up from the wheelchair.

“Who ever dares to come close, I will kill him!” Heinrich aligned his sharp nails with Long Chuan’s throat and he shouted.

In the Earth Federation, Long Chuan’s position was irreplaceable. Since the disappearance of Ke Lake, Long Chuan had always been the highest level esper on Earth. He was the soul of the Earth army! He was a banner that represented Earth!

Although Long Chuan was no longer as strong as he was in the past due to his illness, the soldiers still respected him. Right now, Long Chuan had blood dripping out of his mouth with his shoulder pierced. He tried to resist the pain to remain silent, and that made all the soldiers very anxious.

“Fast, out of the way! SWAT is here.”

Someone in the crowd shouted loudly, then they immediately saw several brothers from the SWAT team rush out of the crowd. They weren’t carrying any weapons, but had high-strength fiber rope prepared, intending to control Heinrich.

The SWAT team was one of the most powerful military sectors, specifically responsible for protecting dignitaries, implementing target killing and other dangerous jobs. All members were more than 35 years old, equipped with full combat experience, and are all pinnacle 3-star level espers or above.

The SWAT team were obviously extraordinary, all 6 people suddenly jumped out, attacking from both front and back, sharp executions and perfect coordination. If everything went well, within a second Heinrich will be tied down by 6 high strength ropes, and this riot will come to an end.

Suddenly~

Heinrich also began to move, and with a speed that no one expected!

To soldiers, aside from properties such as power type, strength, and mental strength, there was also another key combat characteristic and that was reflex speed!

No one would have thought, the mutated Heinrich would actually acquire such lightning fast reflex speed. Just when the ropes were about to land on Heinrich, he actually relied on foot movement and body flipping to abruptly avoid everything!

Not only did Heinrich avoid everything, he also took advantage of how all 6 elite members of the secret service team were in the air and attacked.

It was a typical Strength descent counter attack. Heinrich clutched Long Chuan with his right hand, and just with his left arm he drew a sharp curve in the air!

Gengci~

Gengci~

Looking at those 6 members again, their bodies were sliced open in the air, blood immediately spraying out! Even the high-strength fiber ropes in their hand were also brutally broken by Heinrich.

You must know, this type of composite high-strength fiber rope can even drag down a frigate in the air, a single strand of rope can withstand up to 250 tons of pull! The power and reflex speed that Heinrich was equipped with right now has far exceeded what he should have!

“Help!”

“Hurry and come save them!”

The surrounding soldiers rushed up to rescue their SWAT team brothers, and Heinrich surprised attacked again! Two soldiers were kicked by Heinrich, and they were sent flying right away and disappeared in the night sky.

Everyone was shocked!

Was this still Heinrich? It was simply a titanic monster!

Killing 6 pinnacle 3 star SWAT members in the blink of an eye, his power and reflex speed should have reached 5 stars already, or

even higher! What was happening?

Hahahaha~

Heinrich burst into laughter, and he excitedly shouted, “Godly pill! It really is a godly pill! Now I’m already the strongest man on Earth, who dares to stop me?!”

Lifting Long Chuan up high, Heinrich showed a grim face and shouted at Han, “Long Chuan ah, Long Chuan! We acquired our power in the same year, entered the esper administration in the same year! I was never worse than you, yet I’m always beneath you!”

“When I made it to second lieutenant you became lieutenant, but now that I’m vice-admiral and you are already admiral! As well as becoming the soul of the entire Earth army! Is that fair?!”

“When we got the Atlantic Cruiser, what would I have done to be the captain of that ship. To command that frigate and guard Earth. Unfortunately, I wasn’t chosen. Everyone unanimously elected you, and I didn’t get a single vote! Not a single vote!”

“It’s been twenty years! You were always above me! Today, I will let you see clearly! Which one of us is stronger! I am actually the strongest man on Earth! It’s me! It’s me! Not your run-down dragon!”

Heinrich roared at Long Chuan, but Long Chuan didn’t say a

single word, his eyes were solemn.

All the soldiers at the scene were all extremely angry. Why did Long Chuan become like this? For himself?

No~

He became disabled to protect Earth!

Without Han, there would already be no Long Chuan on Earth because he would've died long ago on the battle field!

Damn Heinrich, envy has made him irrational. He even wanted to attack the disabled Long Chuan?

Hahahaha~

“You guys get out of my way! I will bury this guy that had suppressed my entire life with my own hands!

Heinrich began taking Long Chuan out into the dark wilderness.

Although everyone was very angry, no one dared to stop him. One reason was that Heinrich was very strong, and secondly they were also worried about Long Chuan and feared to harm him.

Suddenly~

A slightly thin silhouette flashed out of the crowd, and blocked off Heinrich's path without hesitation.

It was Han!

To be honest, in the army, although the Tough Bone Han enjoyed a great deal of popularity, he was not someone with a powerful presence. He looked like he was an average soldier's size but slightly skinnier. He could easily blend into a crowd.

The right arm that was hiding behind Han's body, has already began gathering the power of darkness as Han said emotionlessly, "First, you won't be able to leave today no matter what."

"Second..."

Before Han even finished, Heinrich already became enraged, he didn't expect that when everyone else didn't dare to stop him, the skinny boned Han actually blocked his path.

"Just by yourself?! Even if you can deprive my abilities, so what?! Strength descent espers have always been your counter! Go to hell!"

Heinrich never really thought Han could be his opponent. Everyone knew that the Void End can unreasonably take away others' power, but it was only limited to esper powers so it still had vulnerabilities.

For a strength descent like Heinrich, what's the difference between having their power taken away? It was close combat either way.

So, Void end could only place Han and all his enemies on a level battlefield and any powerful ability users couldn't even think about having any advantage over Han. However, in this scenario, if Han wants to win, he will still have to rely on his fist and fighting will.

At this moment, Han faced Heinrich, so obviously Han's power couldn't put Heinrich in any disadvantage because he originally didn't have any fancy powerful abilities.

“Careful!”

“Han, run!”

Heinrich didn't say anything, and went straight for a punch targeting Han's head!

After taking the Nightmare toxin, Heinrich's power and reflex speed were strong and fast enough for him to lunge towards Han at an explosive speed! Far exceeding the capacity of his own level!

Moreover, Han was just wearing a normal tracksuit, and his right arm sleeve was also torn apart, providing absolutely no protection. If this punch landed on Han, it would be impossible for him to

withstand it!

But just between milliseconds, Han's shadow also moved.

Heinrich's tactical moves emphasized speed and also strong force and powerful strength, but Han's counter attack emphasized weird angles that went beyond conventional ways!

Nobody knew how Han did it, but his body was twisting in an incredible way, and his right fist quietly extended from his back.

The Han that never learned any formal fighting techniques, used very unconventional moves. As now, his whole person was floating in the air with his body curving like a ribbonfish.

Shua~

Heinrich's fist whistled past Han's head. It was dodged perfectly by Han, but that right fist that Han hid behind him fell on Heinrich's abdomen.

A seemingly innocuous punch, actually displayed the brutal power of darkness that defied all principles!

Darkness descent, Dark Fist!

Rumble~

Heinrich's muscular body began to explode from his abdomen! It was getting torn apart inch by inch by the power of darkness!

Bones attached to organs flew into the dark night!

One punch!

Han killed Heinrich with only one punch and ended the battle!

Until moments before dying, Heinrich's eyes were still wide open, and he could not believe that someone could shatter his body that was even harder than steel, with just one punch!

Han landed on one hand, then he did another unconventional flip and stood up straight.

“Secondly, you will never be the strongest man on Earth.”

Han put up the finger towards Heinrich, and said lightly.

Chapter 77: The Han With A Huge Bounty

Han helped Long Chuan up. No one made any sounds at the scene, except for the never-resting wind on the plateau.

Ula~

A few seconds later the soldiers finally reacted. Loud cheering bursted out of the crowd, and everyone tightly surrounded Han and Long Chuan.

You will never be the strongest man on the planet?

What did Han mean by that?

That was no doubt the declaration of a winner. After Ke Lake and Long Chuan, the only other man that stood at the pinnacle of Earth's fighting strength was not Heinrich, but Han!

The signature unconventional way of fighting, the unique power of void end, and the incredible force of the dark fist! Han no longer had any rivals on Earth!

Han, everyone already knew. He was that Tough Boned guy, the one that single-handedly protected the South Pole relic, the soldier that killed Boss Lucas of the Thorn Birds gang, and the only one on Earth that made it to the Milky Way Meet finals.

But what was Han's rank on Earth in terms of combat strength? It had been a controversial topic. In general, most people tended to believe that Han was the leader in the younger generation, but looking at the entire planet, Talin, Long Chuan, or even Li Yu, should all be slightly stronger than Han.

But today, Han displayed his remarkable fighting power, killing Heinrich in one punch. There was no longer doubt, the Han right now was the strongest fighter on the planet!

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In the infirmary, Han visited Long Chuan who got his wounds taken care of. His face was paler now, and he was whispering something to Li Yu.

Han finally felt relieved. Long Chuan cannot die because he was a symbol of the Earth Federation army, someone admired by all soldiers. Even after losing his strength, Long Chuan's status in the army remained unshakable.

Li Yu's face wasn't looking good, he slightly nodded at Han and said, "You did well! Now, the Milky Way Meet will be all in your hands, but I just got the news..."

Li Yu didn't finish and Long Chuan gently kicked him. Li Yu couldn't help but shake his head with a bitter smile and said to Han, "In short, you can prepare for the Milky Way Meet in peace. The military will specifically prepare a frigate for you, send you and the Federation prime minister Pan Yulin together to where the Meet is

hosted. You don't need to worry about other things."

Han nodded, and said in a deep voice, "I will take care of my stuff, but you guys don't have to hide it from me because of how developed information technology is now. I already knew that there have been 3 cases similar to the Heinrich events that occurred on Earth in a row."

Li Yu hesitated, then he let out a long sigh and said, "It's quite unfortunate for Heinrich. He had always been one of leaders among the espers of Earth, yet he still embarked on the wrong path."

"As for the other two riot espers, they have always been scum so they deserved to die."

Han said, "I agree that they should die, but I smell something fishy here. I just finished doing a simple analysis on Heinrich's blood and found a large number of biologically active molecules in his blood that shouldn't be there. Obviously, Heinrich took some forbidden drugs which led to his mutation. While his power source index improved significantly, the mutation also affected his brain and thinking, resulting in a riot."

Long Chuan's eyes lit up and said, "Almost forgot, you know a bit of pharmacology, and my life was saved by you before."

"In fact, you didn't have to tell me that. We have already guessed who's behind all this. It's no one other than those countries that want to colonize Earth. Our intelligence department have long

found Heinrich exhibiting abnormal behavior. It's just that we were his old friends so we couldn't make the final move to execute him. Looks like our hesitation actually leaded us to the worst result."

Han said, "As long as you guys have an idea then I won't say more. Looks like enemies have arranged many eyes on Earth. I feel like the quantity of harassment against Earth will just increase more and more after I leave Earth."

Long Chuan smiled. He dragged Han to his side, patted him on the shoulder and said. "Everyone has their own division of responsibility. You got us old bones taking care of our home, you just have to focus on your Milky Way Meet."

"Riot of esper soldiers, although it will bring casualties, but it still cannot shake the foundation of the Earth. My real fear is that enemies will play dirty again against you during the Meet, and if they do that, then none of us could help you."

Han replied lightly, "I understand."

Long Chuan nodded and said, "Before you go, is there anything you want us to take care of? Or do you have anyone you want to say goodbye to?"

Han shook his head and said, "No that's fine, I'm just going to the Milky Way Meet, it's not like I'm dying or something. We will go according to the original plan. I will leave right after my package arrives."

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Three days passed in a blink of an eye and Han finally received his package. It contained items that Pathless told Han to bring with him, for the reason that it would be beneficial for exploring extinction domains.

Travelling with Han was the Prime Minister Pan Yulin and a few other personnel around him. The Milky Way Meet had 3 main projects, the first one was exploring the Extinction domain, then a meeting between the representatives of 13000 member countries in Milky Way will take place, Lastly, there was an award ceremony recognizing some contributions that countries made to Milky Way Alliance in the past decade.

Shua~

A Falcon class frigate carrying Han and Pan Yulin quickly left Earth's orbit. Han didn't say goodbye to anyone, because he doesn't like the atmosphere when saying farewell. In addition, as the only qualified soldier from Earth attending the Milky Way Meet, the amount of pressure on him could only be imagined.

Although Han didn't inform anyone when he was leaving, but when the ship was taking off, Han still saw his brothers at the camp gathering at the square and waving at him.

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At the same time, the Centaurus, Sally Empire.

Sally Empire's Star-class battleship were all ready to go. Compared to the lonely atmosphere when Han left Earth, it felt much more celebratory when their prime minister and soldiers were leaving for the Meet. Not only did hundreds of officials come to say farewell, just the soldiers that got qualified reached 36 people, which was the most among all countries in the 57th Sector.

Pan Yulin and Hans mission was to do everything possible to keep Earth independent and not be colonized, but Levi's mission was the completely opposite.

Overall, Han went to the Milky Way Meet for the survival of Earth, but Levi was going for the benefits.

Shortly after their ship left Centaurus, Levi summoned all the qualified soldiers to his room and arranged a secret mission.

His eyes quickly scanned this group of young soldiers that represented the future of the empire. He smiled and said, "Only a few hours away from the Empire is a country called Earth, do you guys know?"

All the soldiers nodded.

Levi then said with sinister eyes, "Then you guys should also know that someone placed a one billion bounty on the only soldier

from Earth that's participating in this Meet?"

All the soldiers nodded again.

"Good, I want to say, if nothing goes wrong, then after this Milky Way Meet, we will colonize Earth. If anyone among you guys can kill that man from Earth called Han, not only will you get the one billion GC high reward, but also a ten thousand square kilometers territory on Earth, plus a noble title."

All these young soldiers were shocked. Although the GC are tempting, but the title and territory was even more attractive!

After all, in the Sally empire, having that title meant they will become a noble in the future and enjoy rights that could even be passed down to future generations. It will be a giant leap, from a soldier to privileged class of an empire.

"Rest assured, this man from Earth won't get out alive from A-19."

"He's dead this time!"

Motivated by the huge bounty and reward, all the young soldiers were fired up for the mission.

Unlike the virtual environment pressure exam, people could really die in the A-19.

Far from home, dangerous prehistoric relics and countless enemies wanted his head. Han's journey has only just begun, but his path was already covered by thorns.

Chapter 78: Predicament And The People That Returned From The Distant

The place where the A-19 was located was called the Miracle Star System. It was also where the Milky Way Meet was to be held.

One week later, Han and Pan Yulin reached the periphery of the Miracle Star System. Observing from the deck window, the star had a yellow dirt colored ring around it. Countless ships of different sizes were coming from all corners of the Milky Way, and they were being guided to enter the system.

After all, the Milky Way had 13 thousand human countries. They were all gathered here for a meeting. Large or small, there were still over 100 thousand ships here. On the periphery of the star, there was an ever greater number of defense fleets.

The A-19 was located on planet 3 of the system, and planet 4 was where the representatives from all the countries will be meeting. Han needed to first land on planet 4 and wait till the relic exploration event was activated, and then he will head towards planet 3.

The Falcon class frigate successfully landed and Han followed Pan Yulin to the hotel reserved by Earth Federation, which had an appearance of a gray concrete suburban building.

From the living environment of the delegates of each country, you could see their position in the galaxy. Like the giants of the 12 permanent management member countries, they will be renting

the most luxurious hotel on planet 4, or simply building a temporary luxury mansion.

But Earth and some other Observer member countries in the Milky Way Alliance lived in very cheap ordinary hotels in the city suburbs.

Han observed some delegates from other countries that were living in their hotel. They all had that same worried look. In the Milky Way, there was a hidden jungle rule that applied. After each Milky Way Meet, there were always some small weak countries that will be merged with other powers or be colonized. Presumably, their situation was no better than the Earth Federation.

Han wasn't very picky of the living environment. After settling down in the cheap hotel, he kept on discussing with Pathless Origin about the extinction domain or combat techniques, while Pan Yulin didn't rest for a moment and took his team to visit some countries that have some relationships with Earth in an attempt to get their support.

It was a silent night, morning soon arrived. Han had source energy protecting his body so he doesn't need much sleep. He left the hotel a little before dawn. He wanted first to check out the functioning of a foreign society, and secondly he had already promised Ye Weiwei to find her after he got here.

In the lobby, Han coincidentally met Pan Yulin's team on their way back. They went out yesterday afternoon and were out all night, right now they looked really tired, eyes dulled, and in a depressed

mood.

Seeing Han, Pan Yulin tried his best to gather some energy and have a casual chat with him. Knowing that Han wanted to go take a look at the city, Pan Yulin didn't say anything.

After Pan Yulin got onto the elevator, Han grabbed Pan's secretary Rhodes, frowned and asked, "How's the situation?"

Rhodes first looked around and saw no one. He then sighed and whispered, "Very bad. All night, we visited a few delegations that were quite familiar with Earth, but they either decline nicely or respond perfunctorily. And the Iberian Republic that had a pretty good relationship with us in the past even kicked us out."

"The grapevine says that the Sally Empire had bribed the permanent member country, Ganges, and after the start of the Milky Way Conference, the Ganges Republic will fully support the notion of the Sally Empire colonizing Earth. With our strength, we are already powerless when dealing with a Sally Empire, how can we be the opponent of Ganges."

Han in fact already had a feeling long ago, that the Earth Federation will encounter unexpected difficulties in the Milky Way Meet. But even one of the 12 permanent members Ganges supported the Sally Empire, which still surprised Han a little. After all, the Ganges republic was too powerful, strong enough to influence the Alliance's decision.

Rhodes could see Han's worry. He still tried to smile and said,

“You don’t have to worry about politics. We already came prepared to pretend to be a grandson and beg the grandparents.”

“Prime Minister Pan Yulin doesn’t give up easily as well. If these people don’t work, we can still try to find others. In short, you just need to take care of the competition and don’t let other things bother you. Politics have always been very dark and retarded.”

Han nodded and said goodbye to Rhodes. He then took a taxi to town.

The Miracle Star system belonged to the Mang Republic, also one of the permanent managing members of the Alliance. In fact, the 38 A-class extinction domains in the hands of the Alliance, were all under the control of permanent members like the Ganges and Mang Republic, and that’s why they were giants in the Milky Way.

For the humans inhabiting the Milky Way, the presence of high level relics had extraordinary meanings. These advanced relics contained enormous amounts of benefits. If you find a battleship blueprint from the relic left behind by the pre-historic civilization, how much money would that be? If you find a few Ares-class equipment, how much would that be? If you get a genetic science book that could boost the level of all the soldiers in the country, how much was that worth again?

In simple terms, relics from the pre-historic civilization was science, was strength, and, most importantly, was also money!

The 12 permanent members of the Milky Way Alliance each

controlled at least 3 A-class relics, and those 128 non-permanent management member countries each controlled at least 3 B-class relics. The Sally Empire really wanted to colonize Earth because of the B-class relic. With that relic and its generated output, the Sally Empire will very likely be promoted to be a non-permanent management member of the Milky Way Alliance.

Since the Miracle System was Mang Republic's territory, then the science and technology levels, as well as the degree of prosperity was incomparable to Earth. Even the Taxi that Han took was a half-a-float electromagnet suspension model. It didn't have wheels, and its body floated half a meter from the ground, producing very little noise or vibration when driving.

As for the city Han was in right now, it had 12 billion residents in its population, so the millions of guests from all over the galaxy occupying here for the duration of the Meet had little impact on a city this size. There were gardens that were built in the sky, skyscrapers that soared through the clouds, easily accessible electromagnetic powered public transport systems, and much more maintaining the operation of a large city this size.

After Han learned about the Earth delegation team's situation, he no longer had the mood to tour around the city anymore, so he had the taxi take him directly to find Ye Weiwei.

It was not that Han was desperate for Ye Weiwei's beauty, but he had promised to accompany her for a day, and a man must be true to his words.

Ye Weiwei's place was on the other side of the city, also in the

suburbs. The taxi carried Han through the city, and he rested his head on the car window, losing his mind in contemplation for the whole way.

When the taxi stopped, Han found himself facing a palatial estate with a black alloy door lock. There was a large red maple leaf flag above. Through the door, he could see the main road paved by white marble and the surrounding forest.

“So Ye Weiwei’s family is quite rich.” Han silently thought.

He was just about to ring the doorbell when suddenly, the door opened and a group of excited soldiers appeared. They were all dressed well, and their eyes lit up after seeing Han.

“Mr. Han, come inside please!” A large dark-faced soldier immediately gestured and said respectfully.

Han slightly frowned, and he wondered how these people knew him. Could it be that Ye Weiwei notified them in advance?

Nodding, Han came in under everyone’s watch, and walked a little uncomfortably into the manor.

“Look, it’s Han!”

“Oh, so that’s Han!”

“So handsome and you can tell he’s talented!”

“What a virtuous and talented person!”

“He seems a little skinny though.”

Shua~

All the colleagues glared at the soldier that complained about Han being a bit too thin, and he quickly drew his head back in fear.

This scenario was all too weird. Suddenly so many people came out, there was all kinds of people, from guards to aunts that were sweeping floors. They were all looking at Han, and continued to secretly mutter to each other. Han felt like a monkey in a zoo...

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The Milky Way periphery, inaccessible wilderness star sector.

A beaten high-level assassin class expedition cruiser finally left the transition channel.

Advanced expedition battleships were designed for distant galaxy exploration. It was equipped with a durable structure forged by lightweight metal, four sets of transition engines, a hibernation system, a vegetable growing system, complex multi-track radar system, and a series of top-level equipment designed for distant

exploration.

At the moment, this extremely expensive ship looked a bit embarrassing. The energy protection device was broken. Even the armor plating was opened by some attack, and the warship's final protection layer structure was exposed in many places.

Without a doubt, this ship suffered a large scale siege, and it was able to barely escape with one last breath. After a long journey of unimaginable danger, the ship was already crumbling and began to fall apart.

In the Assassin class expedition ship's cockpit, there was only an old man, with a long beard that hasn't been shaved. He hasn't bathed for a long time, exuding an unpleasant odor.

Gengci~

The old man used a red injection on himself, and his eyes glowed with renewed life. Looking around the cockpit, there were a lot of red maple leaf marks. It seemed like the exact same one as the symbol in front of Ye Weiwei's house.

The old man stood up, and pressed buttons nonstop to set up the next flight destination. He then became tired and lied down on the chair.

Whirring~

The old man breathed heavily before he pulled out a holographic picture from his pocket. There was a very fine, very beautiful girl, dressed in black leather with a lovely smile. Wasn't that Ye Weiwei?

The Ye Weiwei in that photo was from a few years ago when she was just a little girl, and now she was a teenage girl that had just discovered love.

The old man's cold face suddenly became soft after seeing Ye Weiwei. Then, his eyes resumed the previous perseverance.

"I can't die here."

"I must get back before the Milky Way Meet, or else it will all be too late!" The old man continued muttering.

Chapter 79: Good News And Bad News

“Han!”

Ye Weiwei waved in excitement from the window, her face was a bit red.

Han smiled, and waved at Ye Weiwei too.

Boom~

Suddenly, a bolt of lightning came straight down from the sky and landed right on a maple tree beside the palace. The tree was killed immediately, and bursted into flame.

A few guards of the Ye family jumped out to put out the fire. It was like chickens flying and dogs jumping, while Ye Weiwei was like a child that did something bad, said sorry, and quickly hid her head back into the room.

Han was a little stunned, because it seemed like this thunder was caused by Ye Weiwei. He looked up and saw a big sun in the sky, so he had no idea where that damn lightning came from.

The old housekeeper Ye Hua invited Han into the living room. The luxurious furnishing of Ye family palace still left Han amazed. From the crystal chandeliers to exquisite style furniture, marble floors on the ground, everything was top-grade stuff.

The maids offered tea, and secretly glanced at Han. Some chit chat behind the back was unavoidable. Han was already used to it. It seems like everyone from the Ye family knew him.

Thinking for a moment, Han asked Ye Hua, “Just where exactly did that lightning come from?”

Ye Hua sighed, and said honestly, “That’s because of Miss’s ability, the lightning storm.”

“The Lightning storm belongs to the top tier of defense type abilities. Our Miss Ye Weiwei has both lightning bolts and storm, offering double the protection against anyone who wants to attack Miss. They will be instantly annihilated by the two elements.”

“Unfortunately, the lightning storm power isn’t stable, and sometimes it even attacks people that didn’t intend to attack Miss. Just because they are in close proximity to Miss they will get attacked too.”

Boom~

Just as Ye Hua finished his sentence, they heard a loud clap of thunder upstairs. Instantly, the scene with reverted back into the one where everyone was like flying chickens and jumping dogs again.

Ye Hua pointed upstairs and said reluctantly, “Look, that’s the lightning storm. It doesn’t give any warning. The moment Miss doesn’t wear special type of gloves, Miss can injure others anytime anywhere.”

Han started laughing on the inside, Ye Weiwei's power was really a mess. No warning, no rules, and no one knew when Ye Weiwei will hurt others nor when she won't.

When Ye Weiwei said before that she wanted to go to the park with Han and wear a dress, Han thought this girl might be into him, and now he suddenly realized, this might actually have nothing to do with love, she's just using his Void End power to suppress his lighting storm to avoid hurting other people and cause chaos.

Thinking about that, Han said to Ye Hua, "Sir, I understand. How about you let me go wait outside of Miss's room, I will activate my domain, that way when's changing into her dress she won't hurt others."

Ye Hua was very happy, and he quickly replied, "That would be nice!"

So, he and the guard captain Ye Xiangdong accompanied Han to the door of Ye Weiwei's room, and Han used his power and summoned a domain with 10 meters in radius.

"This is void end!" Ye Xiang Dong realized that his power suddenly disappeared, he was stunned and he quickly asked.

Han nodded, the Milky Way Alliance will publically display each contestants' profile. Everyone will know sooner or later so there was no need for Han to hide anything.

“Fantastic! It’s better than I thought!” Ye Xiangdong grabbed Han by the shoulders, “Your power can suppress Miss’s power for sure!”

Cough* Cough*

Ye Hua deliberately coughed twice, and Ye Xiangdong just realized his own gaffe, so he apologized and backed to the side.

“It’s Void End! Han’s power is Void End!” In the yard, someone screamed out, and everyone immediately became excited.

Ye Hua said to Han in embarrassment, “Miss never got to wear a dress since she was small. Today she can finally go out like an ordinary girl so everyone in the family is very happy for Miss.”

Shua~

From Ye Weiwei’s room, two little girls in maid uniform sprang out, they greeted Han and Ye Hua in excitement and said, “Miss is ready, she will be out in a second.”

“Miss look really pretty today!”

Right after that sentence, another two young maids pushed the shy Ye Weiwei out of the room. Han suddenly felt his eyes lit up when he saw Ye Weiwei in a pure white dress. It was short, not even reaching her knees, exposing one pair of soft white slim legs, and her feet were in flat white shoes.

Ye Weiwei seemed to have some makeup on as well, the very delicate kind, not gaudy. The dress was sleeveless, and it exposed a

small area on the back, as if trying to emphasize sexiness.

“Why are you guys pushing me?”

“This dress isn’t pretty, let me put on the long dress.” It was Ye Weiwei’s first time wearing a dress, on top of it being in front of outsiders so she was a little embarrassed and muttered.

“Miss is already a big girl, of course you should dress a bit sexier.”

“This dress is Miss’s favorite, Miss often secretly wears it in the room when alone. Don’t think that we don’t know.”

“Mr. Han, do you think our Miss is pretty?”

Ye Weiwei’s group of maids were very naughty. Han smiled and said, “It looks quite good, don’t change it.”

“Really?” Ye Weiwei tipped her head a bit and asked.

“Yep.”

Ye Weiwei let out a long breath, blushed, and ran downstairs. Just after she ran a few steps, she stopped again and said in a silly way, “I almost forgot, I can’t be too far away from you.”

After spending a bit more time at Ye family’s palace, Han and Ye

Weiwei finally hit the road. The group of naughty little maids all bowed to Han, and said in unison, “Mr. Han, our Miss will be in your hands!”

Everyone in the Ye family all felt great relief. They watched Han and Ye Weiwei leave the manor, and those that were sentimental even secretly cried.

“Where do you want to go first?” Sitting in the car, Han asked Ye Weiwei who was sitting across from him.

“I want to go to the water park first, then the zoo, then go do a bit of shopping, eat ice cream, and in the afternoon we will go to the ocean park, watch a movie, and go horseback riding...”

Ye Weiwei looked forward to this day for too long, she had planned out everything she wanted to do a thousand times since a long time ago. After Han asked, she started going on and on about the things she wanted to do.

Suddenly, she realized that she might not be considering Han’s feelings, so she whispered in embarrassment, “Do you think that’s okay?”

“No problem.” Han’s smiled and said softly.

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After watching Han and Ye Weiwei depart, housekeeper Ye Hua went back to his room and poured himself some wine. For the

whole lifetime that he served the Ye family, today was his happiest day.

Suddenly, just when half the glass of wine hit Ye Hua's stomach, a guard rushed into his room, and said in a deep voice, "The Lord wants to talk to you. He's on the emergency communication channel!"

Ye Hua was shocked, he quickly put down the glass and opened the interstellar encryption communication device.

The screen flashed for a few seconds and Ye Hua finally saw the Lord of the Ye family, which was Ye Weiwei's grandpa Ye Guhong.

"Lord, what happened to you?!" Anyone could see that Ye Guhong was not in good shape, Ye Hua asked nervously.

"I'm fine, where's Weiwei?"

"In the Miracle system, preparing to go to A-19 relic tomorrow."

"Okay." Ye Guhong nodded, let out a long breath, "That's good, that's good, at least I made it. Take Ye Weiwei home right now, don't let her go to the Extinction domain anymore."

Ye Hua hesitated, and asked in confusion, "Now? But Miss going to the relic was something you personally agreed to. If you ask her to go home right now, you know Miss's temper."

Pa~

Ye Guhong slammed the desk, and said in a tone that didn't tolerate any resistance, "No negotiation! Even if you tie her up, you have to send Ye Weiwei home! There's absolutely no room for negotiation on this matter."

Ye Hua thought for a second, and said in a deep voice, "Lord, I trust your decision, but can you wait until tomorrow for us go to back home with Miss?"

"Why?"

"Because today Miss has a date."

"Date? What nonsense?! Weiwei has the lightning storm. The slightest mistake will hurt the innocent! I don't care how many unrelated people will die, but Ye Weiwei will feel guilty because of it. What should we do if she becomes traumatized?!" Ye Guhong asked in a severe tone.

Ye Hua said in a deep voice, "Lord, you were not home in the past few years so you might not know. The guy on a date with Miss has the Void End power. He can completely suppress Miss's lightning storm, the things you were worried about will not happen."

"Void End? It's Ye Shuihan?! That old monster is actually still alive?!" Ye Guhong was severely shocked, but he recovered quickly

and scratched his chin and said, “Fine! If you count, Ye Shuihan’s even older than me! During the life time he got married with 30 wives and those were just the ones I knew about. But if Ye Weiwei really wants to, I won’t say anything. After all, the situation our family is in is a bit special, we don’t have any choice.”

“As for those other wives and kids of Ye Shuihan, to avoid trouble, I will just send someone to secretly kill them.”

Ye Hua started dying of laughter on the inside because of how Ye Weiwei’s issue had deeply troubled the Lord. Now Ye Guhong even agreed to marry Ye Weiwei to Ye Shuihan, that kind of infamous old grandpa.

Ye Hua smiled and said, “Lord, this person is only 17 years old, not Ye Shuihan. He just coincidentally has the same power as him.”

Ye Guhong heard this and tears came running down his face. But then, he pondered and felt something odd, his eyes became wide open and he asked, “Could that person be a girl? Sigh... our family’s situation, it’s difficult. But if Weiwei really wants to be with a girl, that... that’s not unacceptable, at least she can be with someone.”

Gengci~

Ye Hua almost started vomiting blood. Only members of the Ye family knew their difficult situation, and that left Ye Guhong very cranky and sometimes crazy. It seems like it’s very difficult for him to believe that such a man that perfectly matched Ye Weiwei

existed.

“Lord, to tell you the truth, this man’s name is Han, 17 years old, from the Earth Federation with the power Void End. He’s not some strange old grandpa, nor a girl. In my opinion, he’s actually pretty suitable with Miss.” Ye Hua explained.

Hahahaha~

Hahahahaha~

Ye Guhong was stunned for ages, and he started laughing like no tomorrow, he couldn’t believe his eyes! This surprise is too big for him!

But after laughing too hard, Ye Guhong’s body began to suffer great pain again. He held on to his heart, and sweat drops as big as peas began to fall. At the same time, the communication screen suddenly became blurred too.

“Oops, the communication system’s about to die!” Ye Guhong was shocked and yelled loudly, “I’m still haven’t returned to the Milky Way yet, so I can’t access the public Wi-Fi. You must do what I said, and take Ye Weiwei home tonight! This is an order!”

Ye Hua was also very nervous, “Lord, why don’t you let Miss go to A-19? Could it be that you got some bad news during your journey?”

Ye Guhong nodded heavily, his face became very difficult to see.

Unfortunately, just when he wants to tell the truth, the communication was interrupted, and the screen turned dark.

Chapter 80: The End Of Fate

Deep into the night, the maple trail in the city, under the dim street light.

Ye Weiwei sat on the grass beside the river. Under the cover of Han's jacket, she smiled and asked Han in excitement, "You are terrible, what did you give that guy to drink? I saw his face turn green!"

Han said lightly, "I just put a splash of frost arrow toad saliva in his wine. It's not poisonous but even espers will inevitably have diarrhea because of it. Who would've thought that he was that weak and ran straight for the toilet within a few seconds of drinking it."

Hahahaha~

Ye Weiwei laughed happily, "Awesome, awesome! Bad guys like him really need to learn a lesson. We will watch and see if he will still dare to act so frivolously towards me. Your way is better, teaching him a lesson but also not hurting him. If it was Ye Xiangdong and the Ye family bodyguards, this guy will certainly not be going to the Extinction Domain tomorrow."

"But then again, why do you carry frost arrow toad saliva with you? As well as that little silver needle, it's probably not legal too right?"

Han shrugged his shoulders, "A senior told me to carry these things with me, and I've got a huge bag full. The frost arrow toad

saliva is like a beginner level existence among those items. That senior said what's most terrifying in the extinction domain is not the dark beasts, but humans."

Han's so-called senior was Pathless. With the help of the dark net, he bought tons of wicked gadgets for Han and said that they will come in handy in the A-19. Han specially prepared a bag to carry them all.

Ye Weiwei had a little drink, and nodded as if she understood but didn't understand. "That's right, the A-19 is one of the more dangerous relics among all the A-class relics. In addition, the moment you enter the domain, the Milky Way Alliance's law can't regulate the soldiers inside at all. Murder, robbery, these things are very common. Most of the soldiers weren't killed by dark beasts but by the hands of other humans."

Suddenly changing topic, Ye Weiwei's pair of little paws held onto her chin. She tilted her head, and the pair of jewel-like eyes narrowed and looked at Han. She whispered, "Thank you for accompanying me to so many places today, how can I thank you?"

Han smiled, and asked back, "Did you have a good time today?"

"Yep!" Ye Weiwei nodded heavily, "This is the happiest day of my life! I will always, always remember it!"

Han replied, "As long as you are happy. Originally, I had a lot of things on my mind too. But seeing how happy you are today, I'm also relaxed now, so you don't owe me anything."

Ye Weiwei frowned and said, "That being said, but..."

"There's no but. It's not early anymore now, I will send you home." Han gestured like a gentleman towards a taxi.

Don't know when it started but the stubborn Ye Weiwei began to listen to Han. Maybe it had something to do with Han's power. Ye Weiwei couldn't leave Han at any time during the date. Otherwise, no one could predict what kind of tragedy she will cause.

Maybe it has something to do with Han himself. To Ye Weiwei, Han was very special. He didn't compliment and obey her like everyone in her family, nor would he act prudish in front of her. For instance, Ye Weiwei said she wanted to go check out a nightclub, and Han took her straight there. That had scared the crap out of Ye Xiangdong's guards, but luckily nothing bad happened.

Ye Weiwei had a look of excitement as she followed Han into the car, her mind was full of the things they did today. The feeling of wearing a dress was quite nice, and it felt even better to be able to hold little animals in her arms. Comparing today to the lonely desolate life she lived before, was the difference between heaven and earth.

Ye Weiwei stole a glance at Han. He was quite thin, somewhat like a gentleman, not very handsome nor ugly, but he seemed to become more good-looking after she spent more time with him.

“Today you took care of me, and tomorrow after you enter the relic, you will know how lucky it is to have me by your side. You little brat, actually carry a one billion bounty on your head, don’t think that I don’t know, you were worried about that right?” Ye Weiwei was a little proud, and she whispered in her heart.

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Ye manor’s lights were all on, as the car stopped, Ye Weiwei got off the car and her eyes were wide open.

From the housekeeper Ye Hua to the captain bodyguard Ye Xiangdong, her personal maid Rain and Bamboo, everyone had already packed on. Several frigate battleships were parked in the space in front of the palace, and they were preparing to take everyone to the periphery of Miracle system to meet up with Ye family’s main fleet that were on standby.

Ye Hua lightly sighed, walked to the side of Ye Weiwei and said in a deep voice, “Miss, the Lord has come back.”

Ye Weiwei was suddenly shocked, she looked around and said, “Grandpa’s back? That’s a good thing, but you guys...”

Ye Hua said, “Miss, Lord ordered, he wants us all go home and unite with him. So, while you were out, we already packed up everything. Let’s hit the road.”

But!

But!

An anxious look appeared on Ye Weiwei, she looked around and then looked helplessly at Han.

Han smiled, “Since it’s your grandpa telling you to go home, then you should go, don’t let the elderly worry.”

When he finished, he gently nodded at Ye Hua and Ye Xiangdong, and turned around and prepared to leave.

Ye Hua thought for a second, and said in a deep voice, “Our Lord wasn’t too clear when he gave us the order, but from my past experiences of serving him, he probably received some intelligence and thinks that the A-19 isn’t safe. That’s why he gave that order.”

“Han, our identity, you should’ve guessed already right?”

Han nodded, pointed at the red maple leaf at the gate and said, “As far as I know, only one family in Milky Way uses the red maple leaf as their symbol.”

Ye Hua said, “Yes, and I will solemnly inform Mr. Han, please avoid going to A-19. Firstly, it’s because of our Lord’s warning. Secondly, it’s because you carry a huge bounty, someone doesn’t want you to leave the relic alive.”

Ye family's manor became unusually quiet, of course Ye Weiwei's not going for sure, but people of the Ye family didn't want Han going as well.

"Can you not go too? My grandpa's words are always very accurate." Ye Weiwei felt very nervous and she said with an almost pleading voice.

Han smiled as he started walking out, and joked, "I can't not go, it will be difficult for my home."

Shua~

Ye Xiangdong suddenly appeared in front of Han, he was Ye family's loyal guard, very single minded, so he already had the idea of tying Han with a rope and lock him up until the Meet was done.

Han looked at Ye Xiangdong, then looked back at Ye Weiwei, and said lightly, "I'm also a man, there are things that I need to do and no one can stop me. It was our destiny that we met as friends, so don't force me to raise my weapon."

Ye Weiwei was suddenly shocked, as if she just got struck by lightning. Ye Xiangdong didn't know what to do as well, because he saw that decisive look in Han's eyes.

Han went around of Ye Xiangdong, and still left.

"Tell Grandpa I'm not going home; I'm going to the A-19." Ye

Weiwei's little princess temper surfaced again, she puffed her cheeks and said.

“Please return, Miss!” Ye Xiangdong said on one knee.

“Please return, Miss!”

“Please return, Miss!”

Everyone kneeled down and started begging Ye Weiwei.

Boom~

A lightning bolt struck down, brightening up the dark night. The guard that got struck didn't say anything and collapsed onto the floor.

The more emotional Ye Weiwei got, the faster lightning struck down at the people around her, but still no one dodged.

Ye Weiwei hung her head down in despair. Little Rain the maid hastily put the isolation cloak onto Ye Weiwei. Right now, Ye Weiwei was gently sobbing. She turned her head, and looked at the direction where Han disappeared into the night.

Such a wonderful day, but it was just one day, and it ended...

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Han returned to the hotel, Pan Yulin's diplomatic team still didn't return, still working outside, begging those politicians from other nations in Milky Way.

Han was very clear, diplomacy won't be able to solve Earth's problem, but he didn't have the heart to say anything to Pan Yulin. After all, they were so hardworking, and they were willing to lower their status to the lowest for Earth.

When Han opened his room's door, the midnight bell just sounded. Han suddenly felt like his story with Ye Weiwei was much like the fairy tale story of Cinderella. When midnight came, everything went back to normal.

"This girl was actually someone from the legendary Ye family." Han shrugged his shoulders and said to himself.

But soon, he forgot about Ye Weiwei and the Ye family. After all, who Ye Weiwei was wasn't important to Han right now. What was important was the life and death situation he would be facing.

Logged onto the dark net, Han saw Pathless. This should be the last time they meet before going into the extinction domain, inside the relic there won't be any communication signal, so his fate will all be in his own hands.

Pathless started spewing out information regarding every topic

from the structure of the A-19 relic, to the possible danger Han might encounter inside the relic. Unknowingly the sun had come up, and Han took out his backpack from under the bed.

“Run, your only way out is to run nonstop! Don’t stop no matter what happens, until you run out of the area where the crowd is gathered. Remember, inside extinction domains, humans are the most dangerous existence. You would rather run into the nest of thousands of dark beasts, instead of staying in a place crowded with humans. Do you understand?” Pathless said seriously on the other end of the dark net.

Han smiled slightly, raised his backpack with one hand and said, “Rest assured, I have this. If they want to kill me, it won’t be easy.”

Turning off the computer and carefully hiding the dark net login program in his necklace, Han carried his backpack and left. He headed towards the assembly point for the relic exploration stage of the Milky Way Meet.

Chapter 81: Disaster Mode, ON!

In the Miracle system, at the portal that connected the 4th planet from the 3rd planet.

Now, the square beside the portal was being heavily guarded. If someone wanted to enter they must go through DNA testing. There was a high tower on the side of the square closer to the portal where the twelve representatives of the permanent member countries were seated.

Han carried his bag into the square, found a remote corner and stood there. About 100 thousand soldiers will enter the extinction domain. The majority of them don't have alternate dimension storage, so they were all carrying bag of varying sizes, and Han wasn't really conspicuous in the crowd.

However, this situation did not last long. Many fighters held a photo of Han and were looking for him. After all, his head was worth a billion GC which was without question an enormous share of wealth for young espers. As long as they could kill Han in the relic, they can live the rest of their lives comfortably.

Han didn't try to hide because of this. The world has always been this way, whatever should come will come eventually, and there's no way around it. Prior to coming to the A-19, Han was already clear of the situation he would be facing.

Time passed slowly. After about an hour, all contestants finally gathered, and those representatives of the 12 permanent member

countries sat on the high stage, looking at those present young people from above.

Because the Milky Way Meet was held on Mang Republic's territory this time, it was Prime Minister Doyle who was asked to give the speech.

First, there was obviously a speech encouraging young contestants to fight bravely, but when Doyle got to the most important part about rewards, everyone at the scene raised their ears and started to listen carefully.

Doyle with the goatee said with a smile, "Now, we will get to the rewards which you guys all care the most about. As everyone knows, A-7, A-19, A-21, these three extinction domains have always been the battlefield for you young people. Where the young espers of Milky Way spread your wings and get recognized by the entire Milky Way!"

"Besides fame, we also prepared generous rewards for you guys!"

"The rules stay the same, all blueprints, pedigree, intelligent tools, must be handed to the Alliance, the rest of the loots will be divided equally between you and the Alliance! Things like plants and minerals, regardless of how much you bring out, they all belong to you!"

"Among the 3 relics that only allow young espers to enter, A-19 has the highest output of goods. Everyone here is extremely lucky. From the first day this relic was opened, as long as they got out of

there alive, no one has returned empty-handed!”

Everyone began to get excited, taking such a big risk to enter the ruins, honor was one thing, but more people came here for the benefits. As to the distribution rules, to be simply put, the most important output needed to be handed to the Alliance, the second most valuable output will be divided between the Alliance and the contestant, and the least important ones will be given to the espers.

With a sudden change in tone, Doyle said seriously, “Since things like blueprints, even if you take it out of the relic you will have to hand them to the Alliance, you guys might think that it’s meaningless to even go look for these.”

“But if that’s the case, then you will be very wrong. As long as you can bring out the blueprints, any future profit that comes with the blueprint, you will earn 2% of it. In addition, the final ranking for this exploration will be based on the quality and quantity of loots that you can bring out.”

“According to the latest rules of the Alliance, the rewards of this exploration event are doubled.”

“The first 300 soldiers will each receive a frigate as reward! The top 100 soldiers will gain a destroyer as reward! The top 30 soldiers will be each rewarded a cruiser! The top 10 will each be rewarded a battleship! The top 3 will each be rewarded a Dreadnought ranked battleship! The first place esper will be rewarded an aircraft carrier!”

WOW~

This time the atmosphere became thoroughly boiled, the soldiers were screaming as if they got chicken blood injected into them.

The reward specification exactly doubled! Last time, Ke Lake came in 9th place and was only rewarded a frigate, and if he's ranked 9th this time, he would've gotten a battleship!

Battleships were the absolute main force of all major imperial fleets, costing a few hundred million or even more than a billion GC!

As for the Dreadnoughts rewarded to the top 3, it was the enhanced version of battleship-class starships, one ship could carry one hundred thousand crewmembers, and it costed tens of billions of GC!

As for the aircraft carrier, among the 13 thousand human nations in the entire Milky Way, no more than 30 were in possession of one. The majority were under the command of the 12 permanent members, and its cost was not less than 50 billion GC!

The Milky Way Meet this year was actually preparing to reward the first place esper a powerful aircraft carrier? That was no longer a matter of money, because carriers required the most advanced technology out of all the battleships. Only the 12 permanent members could manufacture these high level ships. Although other countries also had carriers, they were all given by the 12

permanent members.

Han smiled, if you take out a blueprint you can earn 2% of the profit, this was equally amazing. In theory, if the blueprint was for an advanced piece of artillery, then if people manufactured it and sold it in the future, you could earn probably around a few hundred thousand GC for each unit, and if they make ten thousand a year and make billions of GC of profit, then you can earn a hundred million as well. It will be the same digits of earning every year from then on.

The Milky Way was really a place where profit comes first. Every pressure exam, billions of young soldiers put their lives on the line just to get into the finals, totally disregarding the risk of dying just for this enormous potential profit.

At the square, all soldiers were fired up, maybe because of the attraction of enormous interests, the attention on Han decreased a bit, but that was still not good. Among the 100 thousand opponents, even if there was 10 thousand, a thousand, or even a hundred people that were deliberately wanting to kill Han, that was already enough for him to deal with.

Doyle felt that the atmosphere and moral had been pumped up to a good level. He raised his hands up high to gesture silence, and said in a deep voice, “Now I, representing the Milky Way Alliance, officially announce the A-19 Extinction Domain exploration event has begun!”

“There’s only one road ahead of you guys, and it is the advance bravely!”

“The entire Milky Way is watching you guys! And looking forward to your wonderful performance!”

“Representing the most outstanding espers in Milky Way, I believe that you are all the best!”

Huuuu~

When the portal was activated, the giant army of 100 thousand espers entered, following the order of the score ranking of the previous pressure exam. Han was coincidentally in the middle, but the ones at the very front are those espers that were ranked low. After all, in the extremely dangerous extinction domain, putting the weakest at the front was meant for them to be used as sacrifices.

But at this moment, everyone has all been dazzled by the bright future portrayed by Doyle, no one could stop them, and they were all fighting to get in first. No one realized that in the past exploration events, the survival rate was never higher than 50%. In other words, out of the 100 thousand participants, at least 50 thousand will die inside the extinction domain.

Han followed the crowd and entered the portal. The technology used to construct the portal was kind of like the transition engine, and it was also setting up a channel between the two points. It was just that this portal, called a star gate, was fixed in position.

The circular center of the star gate was the intermediate point

between time and space, like a water curtain, people won't feel anything crossing, but the scene in front of them will suddenly change.

Han found himself by the side of a deep cave going down, a few meters in front under his foot was a bottomless pit, and above sat four giant sculptures.

The sculptures were over ten thousand meters high, depicting the image of four soldiers. They all inserted the sharp sword in their hand into the cave. With cold eyes, one of them were occupying the north, south, east, and west corners. All the soldiers coming in made the scene reminiscent of ants at the food of four gods, being tightly stared down by them.

What surprised Han more was, the method to entering the relic is was actually jumping straight into the abyss!

He just saw those overly excited young espers shouting loudly, then suddenly jumped into the bottomless abyss, soon disappearing into the darkness.

What should come will eventually come, and now that he was already here, why the hell was he still hesitating?

Han gritted his teeth, went back a few steps, then suddenly exerted force through his legs and started sprinting.

Rushed into the air, Han quickly grabbed something back from

his backpack and held it in his hand.

Pop~

At the same time, he also opened the automatic drug kit that was tied to his left arm.

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One hundred thousand young fighters have all entered the star gate, and all 12 representatives were preparing to leave. Each of them had a laptop with them. A number and a map full of red dots on the screen showed the number of survivors in the A-19.

In extinction domains, communication signals were blocked, and the only useable signal was a life signal, which collected the life ripples of soldiers to predict how many soldiers were still alive.

On the screen, the red dots were rapidly decreasing, each red dot represented the life of an esper. Maybe they were killed by dark beasts, maybe they were murdered by other contestants, or unfortunately stepped on a trap in the relic and died. Other than the witnesses at the scene, no one could possibly know.

“Isn’t this speed a bit too quick! The A-19 was just activated for a minute, and we already lost 1000 soldiers?!” Prime Minister Owen from the Griffith Federal shouted in a hoarse voice.

Not just him, everyone had noticed that the death of soldiers in

this event far exceeded the past exploration events. About 20 thousand espers jumped down the cave, and of those people, 1300 instantly died from something.

“It just passed 3000! Shit! Something’s not right! We must stop those soldiers that got into the star gate but haven’t jumped into the extinction domain yet. There seems to be a mutation inside the domain!”

“Stop those who haven’t entered? Then what happened to the people that already entered? Leave them to die?!”

“We can first investigate the situation to see what’s wrong first, then let the remaining group enter. The situation right now is very abnormal; the fatality rate is exponentially higher than the rate in the past!”

“Stop arguing! Just when you guys were talking, we have already lost 5000 soldiers!”

“That can’t be right! 3 minutes, 5000 people?! Don’t they know that when they just entered the relic, they need to team up and kill enemies instead of starting to kill each other?!”

No one answered, the entire scene was silent.

How did those participants not know that when they just enter the relic, they will encounter the attack of a wave of dark beasts? Based on past experiences, the stronger the dark beasts, the deeper

they will hide in the relic, and those that were guarding at the entrance could rarely post a big threat to the huge number of human soldiers entering together.

But this time was apparently different from the past. In just 3 minutes, 5 thousand soldiers were killed, and this extraordinary rate could only mean one thing: a huge problem appeared inside the extinction domain!

But what could be the problem?

“Everyone went in, and 10 thousand people were already killed...” The Prime Minister Pastore of the Gainlead Republic swallowed a deep breath and said with a pale face, “It has only been 5 minutes, and the death rate is already at 10%, I’m afraid that this year’s Milky Way Meet will be an unprecedented catastrophe...”

Chapter 82: The Tragic Siege

Shua~

Taking a giant leap, Han jumped into the abyss that was A-19 relic's entrance.

“Super Sense pills, three!”

“Hyper-nuclear energy pills, three!”

“Super-ghost pills, five!” While Han was in the air, he gave orders to the fully automatic drug kit.

Pop~

The kit opened and the drugs Han needed were ejected directly into his mouth, directly getting absorbed by his zero-degree region, nervous system, and his muscles.

Supposedly if someone was beside Han, they would be scared to death after hearing how many illegal drugs Han took all at once. Of the tens of thousands types of illegal drugs, the ones preceded by the word “super” or “hyper” were usually extremely enhanced drugs.

In simple terms, just one pill of an extremely enhanced drug could make most soldiers go crazy, as well as being very likely to

leave behind after-effects. Other than the times people needed to fight for their lives, no one would willingly take these types of drugs.

But Han's body was very special. The addition of the Heart of Darkness made Han immune to toxins, and thus, he could take many pills of terrifying drugs all at once.

Super sense was the triple enhanced version of the normal type, used to enhance the senses of soldiers. After taking it, soldiers will become extremely sensitive to the surrounding environment to the point where one could even sense the air turbulence of an ant moving.

Hyper-nuclear energy was the enhanced version of the source energy strengthening drug, and after taking it, the Power Source index will drastically increase. As a by-product, it also increases the attack power of soldiers.

As for the super-ghost pill, it was a type of speed and agility strengthening drug, which is pretty self-explanatory.

Han still remembered clearly the words of that strange old man Pathless, "First, get a hold of yourself firmly on the ground, then observe the surrounding and act accordingly. Don't believe the bullshit that the Milky Way Alliance told you, those misguided idiots will be the death of you! Once you get into the extinction domain, run immediately! Run like your life depends on it, because it does depend on it! Where does not matter, as long as you just run out of the crowd!"

That's why Han took a particularly large amount of super ghosts, 5 full pills, capable of at least tripling or quadrupling Han's movement and agility. It was all in order to run faster.

With his right hand behind his specially modified backpack, he would be able to press a button that caused the things inside the backpack to drop downward into Han's hands, allowing for easy access.

The surrounding became darker and darker. Han could already hear people around him breathing heavily but can't see their figures.

Gently touching his right eye, Eye of Darkness, activate!

Shua~

When Han opened his right eye again, it had completely turned black!

The strength that came with the Heart of Darkness was great. When concentrated into his arm, Han could use Dark fist! When concentrated on his eye, it allowed him to acquire unparalleled sight in the dark.

Under the Eye of Darkness, all the soldiers beside Han became like diagrams. Red lines represented blood vessels, white lines were the source energy flow paths, and the brightest region inside

the brain was their zero-degree brain region.

Without question, the Eye of Darkness was an excellent ability and under its vision, whoever had a higher level, their zero-degree brain region would appear brighter. Their body also emitting stronger light than others.

Maybe he was approaching the bottom but Han felt a strange power slowing down his drop speed. It was as if the surrounding air became a lot denser.

Han never experienced close contact with an extinction domain yet, not to mention the high level A-class ones, so he looked down curiously. That curious look he took almost made all the pores in his body explode!

He only saw that at the bottom of the abyss, a crazy massacre was in progress. In the darkness, the pairs of evil eyes should be the dark beasts. Their number could not be counted, like the ocean, and the soldiers that landed on the ground were just like landing into the ocean, instantly drowned by the dark beasts' herd.

Screams echoed in his ears, and all the soldiers still falling with Han felt scared. Only a few of them carried night-vision equipment or had special vision, and only they knew what was truly going on down there. The majority of the soldiers didn't know at all that they were actually getting infinitely close to hell!

Although the strange power was slowing down Han's fall, but his speed was still very fast. From noticing something wrong to

landing on the ground, it was just around 2 seconds.

Han noticed that it felt a bit sticky under his foot, and then he realized that he stepped on the fresh blood of the already dead soldiers. The A-19 relic, since the moment it got activated, has been carrying out giant massacres! And there was no signs of the end, just more tragedies!

ARH-WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO~

A few dark beasts nearby that were waiting for prey immediately charged at Han. Han didn't make a sound and started running immediately! Aiming for the head of the dark beast right in front of him, he gathered dark energy and threw out his fist!

Dark descent, punch!

Boom~

Han's punch landed right on the fangs of that beast, directly tearing apart its mouth followed by its entire body!

Han did not dare to slow down, and ran like crazy towards the front, using his dark fist whenever he met a dark beast, not considering saving his energy at all!

At the same time, several screams came from behind Han. They belonged to the soldiers that landed at the same time as him. They were besieged and their lives were at stake.

In comparison, there was a big difference between Han and them, and that was how Han had already prepared.

Because of the 1 billion GC bounty on his head, Han knew very clear, the moment he entered the relic he would be attacked by everyone, whether they were humans or beasts. That was why Han took the drugs in the air, prepared a few tricks to escape and also used his darkness vision and carefully observed the surroundings.

So the moment Han landed he started to run nonstop, run desperately and disregarding everything else!

But the majority of the soldiers did not expect the extinction domain exploration even to begin with such tragic start, so they died right away!

Pathless once said, once inside the relic, it is necessary to fight with 100% of the effort!

Unfortunately, that old monster Pathless didn't know how cruel the exploration event this time is!

Within minutes, there were already more than 10 thousand soldiers killed!

One must know, these were carefully selected elite espers of the entire Milky Way galaxy! Elites! Elites out of the elites! Such a death rate was too outrageous!

Ahhh!!!!

Fight to kill! Hit every punch! Trade an eye with an eye! Only surrender in death!

Capable of destroying 9 Layers of Hell! Easily able to annihilate the 6 paths of reincarnation!

The forbidden art of the Six Paths of the Void was thoroughly displayed by Han!

The Six Paths of Void was also known as the demon strike, which meant that when used, it was like a mad frontal onslaught by the hands of a demon!

And coincidentally, the situation Han was in right now was where if he doesn't become a mad demon, then he won't be able to live!

Too many, the number of dark beasts were way too many! Overwhelmed, Han has no way to run, no way to retreat, and the only chance was to blaze a new trail of blood!

Han fully activated his power of darkness.

Not just Han's right eye and fist, under the desperate muster of strength, Han's entire right arm had turned pitch black!

Every time, dark fist strike consumed a significant amount of Han's energy, but he had no choice, and he must desperately continue to use it!

The surprising number of dark beasts was like a dark tide, Han didn't even have time to see what they actually look like, but wherever Han went, there were all open mouths rushing to bite him!

Boom~

The Dark fist again displayed its power, dealing a crushing blow to two dark beasts in front of Han in one punch!

Han felt like he went head first into a deep cluster of thorny vines blocking off all paths, and no matter which direction he took, Han needed to desperately wave his axe and cleave a bloody way out.

What was more troublesome was that although Han's Dark fist had terrifying strength that was capable of destroying the dark beasts in his path, these monsters weren't afraid of death at all, and every second there would be more beasts leaping towards Han.

Han's physical energy was depleting at an unimaginable rate and he knew that it was not a way out to just kill the beasts, because he could kill 100 dark beasts, 1000 dark beasts, but he could never kill the ferocious enemies whose units were measured in millions!

Eye of Darkness!

During the fight, Han looked around.

He just saw a palace inside the darkness, an area of dozens of square kilometers, surrounded by a lot of forks in the road that lead to unknown destinations.

On Han's right hand side, there was a group of powerful soldiers, they slaughtered a bloody way out, and a lot of soldiers were following them and cooperating. Although suffering heavy casualties, they seem to have gradually withstood the dark beasts' attacks.

In addition, there were also a few espers with special powers that have also found a way to diffuse the danger. For instance, some could become invisible, some could fly or teleport, and some could cover up their scent. They were all dispersed and trying to escape.

According to the current situation, it seemed like Han should go follow that group of strong espers. After all, they had the obvious advantage of being in a group. Among them, there were dozens of pinnacle five-star espers, and even six star espers, significantly amplifying their offense and defense as a group, forming an effect of one plus one is larger than two. (TL: basically, the author is saying that their strength together is larger than if you would just add their individual powers together, because the result is amplified due to group cooperation and synergy).

“No, that’s not the direction I want to go.” Han thought to himself.

In the extinction domains, humans were the worst enemy, and Han will always keep that in mind.

He didn’t choose to follow others but opted for a more difficult plan: rely on his own strength and follow his own path!

In the relic, only people that were always careful and paranoid will survive, and the paranoid Han chose to be on his own, would it be the right choice?

Han didn’t know, but he had no time to think!

Using his last bit of strength, Han used his Dark Fist over and over!

Pop~

The automatic drug kit ejected pills after pills of forbidden drugs. Han pressed all the buttons under his backpack and started using all the tricks he had, whatever magic ball, Falcon vine, snake’s poisonous kiss, he just threw them all towards his back!

This time, he’s going to give it his all!

Chapter 83: Fatality Rate – 90%

When Han was trapped in despair, Ye Weiwei was already on her way back home with the Ye family's convoy fleet.

Flagship, Air Walker.

Ye Weiwei was nervously looking at a temporary stream of news in her room with her fists clenched, she could not believe her ears.

“According to our latest received information, the Milky Way Alliance has acknowledged, a major crisis appeared during this year's A-19 Exploration event. Within just one hour of activating A-19, the fatality rate has reached 90%. In other words, 90 thousand soldiers have already died in the Extinction Domain!”

“For this, we have invited our special guest, the prehistoric relics expert Professor Prandelli, to explain to us about possible reasons that led to such heavy casualty at this year's exploration event!”

“Professor, within one hour and almost 90 thousand espers already died, this should be the most serious crisis that appeared in our human history of exploration activities in prehistoric sites, right?”

Professor Prandelli pushed up his glasses a bit, and said in a deep voice, “To be accurate, this is the second highest casualty count. As everyone knows, before the establishment of the Milky Way Alliance, Extinction Domain A-1 was carelessly opened, as a result, the most terrifying monster in history was released, we call that

monster the King of Darkness.”

“The Dark King incident directly caused several major empires to perish, and the allied force composed of all the strong fighters in Milky Way suffered a 30% casualty count. The number of deaths was counted with billion as the unit. That was the most serious and tragic crisis in our exploration history.”

The beautiful hostess with red hair was shocked for a moment, and immediately said, “The Dark King? Professor meant that the exploration troops suffering large scale of casualty this time, has something to do with the Dark King?”

Professor Prandelli waved his hand and said, “We can’t make any conclusions yet, the Dark King was unique, and even if a monster at the level of Dark King comes out from the relic again, how can those 100 thousand espers be enough? I’m afraid that even the temporary headquarter built at the Miracle Galaxy would be severally damaged as well.”

“The reason I brought up Dark King is to remind all of you that live at Milky Way, to never forget the power and unpredictability of the prehistoric civilization. These past years, we’ve done well in the exploration of extinction domains, and we discovered many precious treasures and information on various types of warship designs, strong transition times warp engines, and as humanity become empowered by these discoveries, we must also not forget, the miraculous prehistoric civilization that had created these things in the first place, they should be the more powerful existence!”

“Looking at the current galaxy, our civilization is built entirely on the basis of prehistoric civilization, their power is not something we humans can resist!”

“As we have known, the prehistoric civilization originally lived at Milky Way, and for some unknown reasons, they left here. If in theory, one day that civilization returns to the Milky Way, what will happen to humanity? Would we be strong enough to be their opponents?”

The red hair hostess's felt that her head was about to explode, and she surprised and asked, “Professor, you said that the civilization originally occupied the Milky Way, will they come back?”

“Anything is possible, take the tragedy that's happening in the A-19 as an example, it can very likely be a warning. Us humans may think that we already mastered great strength, but is that really the case? If we are really strong enough, then why would this tragedy happen to the 100 thousand young talented espers?”

“We must know, these people are all the strongest young geniuses in in Milky Way. Such a lost is no doubt a heavy hit for all countries of the Milky Way Alliance!”

This Professor Prandelli was clearly a pessimist and the red-haired hostess might've felt that the news may get too sensational, so she directed the conversation back to what's happening inside of A-19.

“Professor, let's first talk about what's happening right now, within an hour and 90 thousand young talents have been killed, could it be because the dark beasts inside the domain suddenly got stronger? If yes, what could've possibly triggered this change?” The hostess asked.

Professor Prandelli said with a serious face, “Something must have gone wrong on the inside of the Extinction Domain, but the key is that this is the A-19 relic, we cannot send a regular army into it, because the A-19 is one of the strangest among all the A-class relics.”

“A-7, A-19, A-21, these three relics have been the battlefield that the prehistoric civilization used to train their young soldiers, so the entrance of the relic has an age limit. There's also another limit for how many people can be sent in at once. The moment that the relic closes, no one can activate it again, and we have no choice but to wait until one month after. The survivors inside the relic will be automatically teleported out.”

The hostess hastily asked, “Professor, what number of young soldiers you estimate can survive this tragedy?”

“It's hard to say, and the only advice I can give everyone is to pray.”

“Will anyone be able to survive from this tragedy?”

“With luck, maybe one or two survivors. One hour led to the death of 90% of the fighters, this difficulty and intensity is beyond

imagination. Now, other than praying for the protection of gods, we can't do anything."

Shua~

Watching until here, Ye Weiwei could no longer bear it, she crushed the screen with a punch, and cursed loudly, "Gods! Damn the gods! Han won't die for sure!"

Ye Weiwei's small body started trembling lightly, she did not know why she got so angry. Did it matter to her whether Han was dead or alive? No right? No?

Peng~

Ye Weiwei pushed open the door, bit down on her lips and rushed into her bedroom. Immediately, waves of sighs could be heard coming out of the living room.

"Our lord was very so accurate, something big really did happen at that Extinction Domain."

"Fortunately our Miss didn't go."

"Although Miss didn't go, Han's still trapped inside."

Sigh...

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Miracle System, 4th Star, A-19 Extinction Domain

Han was still trying to fight to survive, more than an hour had passed and Han was finally close to the door of that hall of horror.

After nonstop killing this whole way, Han had long been exhausted. In addition to the fighting spirit of never giving up, those sinister gadgets inside his backpack also helped out Han a lot, especially something called the Falcon vine.

Falcon vine was an illegal genetic hybrid species. Biologists extracted the genes of a deep sea creature called the arcuate millipede, and then mixed in several other strange creatures. Even the gene of the black vine and performed genetic hybridization, ultimately obtaining this fast growth evil creature.

The Falcon vine was stored in a sealed capsule, and it could be used by just throwing it to a target location.

The broken capsule will provide the necessary energy for Falcon vine's growth, and it will instantly grow to an evil creature of more than 10 meters high. They look like a dead old tree, but they were a crossbreed between insects and other creatures. These buggers could easily use their branch-looking arms to trap anything nearby that moves, like a falcon, thus receiving the name Falcon vine.

As Han ran, he threw capsules of Falcon vines behind him, and

the tall falcon vines started to grow nonstop, trapping those dark beasts that were in pursuit of Han. Although the beasts had powerful fangs and claws and only needed a few seconds to break free, that was enough to secure valuable time for Han!

Close, it's close!

Han already saw the exit to the giant hall at the entrance of the Extinction, he started waving his right arm again to use dark fist!

With his left hand retrieving more things from his backpack, he threw all the Falcon vines he had down in a narrow channel.

Rumbled~

Hundreds of clawing Falcon vines started growing rapidly, blocking off the dark beasts' steps to kill Han. Wanting to rip open a path in this much thorny vines, the dark beasts would have to take a few minutes.

The illegal pill Super Ghost gave Han incredible speed. He didn't dare to look back and just kept on running desperately forward.

The roaring of dark beasts became distant, and light began to appear at the front!

Whoosh~

Han dashed out of the dark hall with a stride, and the sight before his eyes immediately shocked him.

Chapter 84: Dark Fusion Beasts – Earth Claw

A world!

Leaving the dark hall, Han suddenly realized the A-19 Extinction Domain was actually a complete world!

Before his eyes was a dusty desert, but at the distant horizon up ahead sat a lush forest, on the right side was a long coastline, and on the left side was a jade color grassland that was neatly separated from the desert by an invisible straight line.

And above Han's head was a few strange looking giant towers that hovered in the air. There was no support, and no physical path that led to them. They just stood there proudly in the sky like miracles, looking like pieces that were put in the sky by gods.

Without question, the A-19 relic was an incredible world, but Han had no time to enjoy the spectacular scenery here because the only way left for him is to run for his life!

Behind Han, was a gigantic black tower, and the lower region of that big tower was the dark hall that Han had just escaped from. It was also where the soldiers entered the A-19, and the tower itself was the passage that the soldiers fell through as they entered the relic, connecting the ground and the underground world together.

Originally, the underground world should have had many dark

beasts, but this time, they seemed to have all gathered at the dark hall, almost like it was planned, and were massacring all the soldiers that came from the ground above. As a result, outside the dark hall became actually quite empty, and for Han who killed his way out, it was an opportunity to catch up his breath and relax. That more than one hour of continuous fighting already depleted Han's energy.

Han quickly took off his bag because he felt that it lost a lot of weight, which shouldn't be the case.

After Han laid his grey backpack on the ground he saw a big scratch on the bottom by the dark beast, and those little gadgets he prepared for this exploration event were all scattered on the road.

Just at that moment, he felt the atmosphere suddenly change!

At the corner of his eye, Han saw a white beam of light suddenly burst shooting at him, he quickly threw his bag back, and forced energy into his legs to jump up!

Using large amounts of illegal drugs increased Han's speed several times, and just as his feet left the ground, there was a loud sound of explosion, and the white light hit where Han was standing, creating a huge pothole of 2 meters in diameter. The gravel was burning and smoke emerged.

Laser weapons!

Han was very shocked and he fell awkwardly to the ground. Just then, he used too much force combining with the thrust of the explosion, he lost his balance in the air!

Shua~

Han turned sideways, and used his signature unconventional way and got up, and he saw that in the sky behind him, there was a guy flying towards him.

It was a flight descent esper!

The most difficult type of esper to deal with!

This esper soldier that was flying had a pair of sinister little eyes, curly hair and was slightly fat, equipped with a full set of battle suit, and carrying a two meters long shoulder-fired laser canon.

Han gritted his teeth, right now the Milky Way Alliance wasn't equipped with the ability to manufacture shoulder-fired laser canons so all of them were finished products from extinction domains, priced at hundreds of millions of GC. This flight descent esper could actually obtain something like this, seems like he had a big background.

The Flight descent esper with small eyes looked at Han's torn backup and sneered, "You actually brought that many insidious gadgets onto the battlefield, I bet it was heavy. But those little gadgets are actually quite useful, they saved your life back there."

“But now, you got nothing left, so you are dead!”

Han noticed the badge on that guy's chest, and said in a deep voice, “So you are from Sally Empire, no wonder you will attack me.”

“That's right, I'm a soldier from Sally Empire, named Fei Roger, and you are Han, a peasant from our colony Earth.” Fei Roger mockingly said.

Han's raised his eyebrows and said in a deep voice, “Earth's isn't your colony, and it will never be!”

Fei Roger disapprovingly said, “Big talk is useless, a harder fist is what decides everything! I know you are a Void End esper, but so what?! I can fly! And you are already out of little gadgets, what do you have to deal with me, your teeth?!”

“Look at your stupid face right now! You little brat probably used up all your energy fighting your way out of that dark hall, your source energy has long been depleted. But me, I just flew above you and tracked you, and those dark beasts couldn't do anything to me!”

“You know why I didn't kill you right away? Because that would be too easy, I preferred seeing you get eaten alive by the dark beasts! Tear open your stomach, pull out your intestines, that would be more enjoyable!”

“Peasant from our colony, you think you can fight me? Stop dreaming!”

The situation was very unfavorable to Han since he had already consumed a great deal of energy to break out the dark beasts' siege, but Fei Roger could fly so he didn't really use up any energy. There was a great difference between the two sides, and what was worse was Roger's laser weapon! Unless his level was high enough, or armor was stronger, the majority of espers were all very afraid of laser weapons' attacks.

Behind Han, the massacre in the dark hall was still continuing, and the number of human soldiers that could run out of the big tower was next to zero. The moment that crowd of terrifying dark beasts killed all those people in the tower, they will probably turn around and come back for more survivors that had escaped. By that time Han would be in great danger, he must take advantage of now to escape with a sufficient distance.

Unfortunately, Fei Roger in the sky had an overwhelming advantage. Not only could he fly, he also possesses an expensive laser weapon! Didn't matter how many Super Ghost pills he took, he won't be able to outrun the flying and laser speed!

Suddenly, Han smiled, he put his right hand on the dimension storage ring.

The Black Kylin combat suit's right arm portion was long torn apart by Han's dark energy, so he made a simple sleeve to cover his

right arm, but now that the sleeve is broken too, Han's right arm did not have any protection.

Suddenly, Han started running, Fei Luojie sneered, and aimed his laser weapon at Han.

Boom~

A burst of white light shot out!

And Han seemed to be long expecting Fei Roger to be aiming for the area a little in front of him, he suddenly exerted force through his waist, twisting his body counterclockwise in a very strange yet fabulous way, and started charging right towards where Fei Roger is at!

One second!

Two seconds!

Three seconds!

There was an interval between each time that portable laser weapon fired because it needed a few seconds to dissipate the heat. Han actually lured Fei Roger to fire in order to gain that precious few seconds of time interval.

Fei Roger was very dismissive of Han's actions and had a look of

ridicule on his face. Even if Han's tactic was clever and tricked him to fire another shot to gain a few seconds of time, so what?

He's flying in the air! The void domain could only reach 10 meters around Han, and that was not enough to reach Fei Roger who was flying tens of meters above the ground, so it's not possible to deprive his ability to fly.

“Idiot! How could the most powerful weapon be stored in my backpack, they are all in my ring!”

“Earth Claw!”

Pop~

Just heard Han shouted loudly, placed one hand on the ground, and summoned a bizarre monster!

This monster didn't have a head, nor eyes, nose, or ear. It was like a big claw coming out of the ground, like the hand of the devil half a meter in diameter, with a steel-like skeleton and fingertips sharper than the claw of an eagle.

Ceng~

Han jumped on the monster called the Earth Claw, and this thing stretched its five fingers, pressed its body into the Earth, and the next second, it took off straight from the ground!

Double jump tactic!

Han was not a Bounce type esper. Of course he couldn't jump tens of meters high, but he can take advantage of the powerful jump of Earth Claw to get double the explosive strength!

When Earth Claw prepared to jump, Han also crouched down, and Earth Claw suddenly took off the ground, Han followed Earth Claw's rhythm, and summoned his full strength!

Ceng~

A very ordinary man, actually jumped straight into the sky like a taut spring!

"Damn you, madman! You actually use dark fusion beasts! That shit's illegal! Illegal!" In a panic, that was all Fei Roger could think of to say.

But that won't change anything, Han still bursted straight into the sky!

Over the years, humans have fought and explored in many extinction domains. They won the science and technology, weaponry, and also got a lot of dark beast samples. Dark fusion beasts were just a type of monster developed on the foundation of those cruel dark beasts through artificial synthesis, and it was one of the biggest taboos in Milky Way. Anyone caught developing,

using, or selling dark fusion beasts would be executed immediately!

Han didn't lie, those little gadgets inside his backpack weren't evil enough, and the truly terrifying tricks were all hidden inside his dimensional storage ring!

After all, Han was a dweller of the dark net, okay?

He hadn't seen any legal stuff on there, and illegal stuff? He's got a whole bunch of those!

It would be an insult to call those Falcon vines the ace in the hole of his hand.

Han's real final card was the dark fusion beast Earth Claw! It was an existence summoned only by criminals that could surpass its destructive nature!

Fei Roger was going to rely on his flying power to bully Han?

Then Han will just rely on the power of the Earth claw to jump up and beat the shit out of him!

Shua~

Han's figure already left the ground, flying straight into Fei Rogers in the air.

Seeing the gap was getting closer...

Void domain, activate!

Chapter 85: Run like Hell!

“Void domain, open!”

“So what if I’m going to use dark fusion beasts! What can you do about it? Go to hell!” Han threw himself towards Fei Roger as he shouted.

Of course Fei Roger wanted to dodge, but unfortunately everything was within Han’s calculation and control. The explosive strength from his jump allowed him to close the gap instantly. Fei Roger simply couldn’t dodge, not to mention Han also had the Void End!

He didn’t need to be too close to him, as long as they were within 10 meters, Han could directly take away Fei Roger’s flying ability!

Shua~

Fei Roger felt that he had started descending from the sky, his eyes opened widely and he couldn’t even think straight under the panic.

Void End was a power different from any other ability. From the surface, Void End’s lethality was weaker than combat related descents such as strength or elements which prioritized killing.

But, Void End had an additional evil element in comparison to these powers, depriving the opponents of their ability, turning the

powerful enemy to an ordinary soldier with no abilities at all, only a few people could withstand the shock!

Void End will force the enemies into a state of panic, and the next step was to simply take advantage of the panic and chaos, and take their life!

Pa~

The Fei Roger that lost his flying ability was grabbed by Han, and saw a fist flying towards him. Dark Fist, punch!

Hong! Hong! Hong!

“I hate scum like you the most! Since you have the powerful laser weapon, why didn’t you go save the lives of your comrades?!”

Hong! Hong! Hong!

“Just for some damn bounty, you can fucking let your comrades die?!”

Hong! Hong! Hong!

“Selfish despicable idiot, I will kill you!”

Ha shouted while his punches fell like raindrops, smashing the

Fei Roger in the air back to the ground!

Han could understand why Fei Roger didn't save other countries' soldiers, but what he didn't understand was why did this guy even abandon his teammates?

If it was Cheng Zhong, Xin Beige, Parker, or any comrades from Earth that was here with Han, if Han had the ability then he would save them for sure. He would never leave his brothers behind so he could run away, because they will help each other out, and depend on each other through life and death, that was brotherhood!

But Fei Roger, he had the ability to fly and a powerful laser weapon, yet he left all the comrades that came to A-19 with him just to kill Han? Just for that so-called bounty? What a dick move! No amount of money could be exchanged for brothers' lives. He doesn't even understand such basic logic??

In short, this flying guy disgusted Han, so Han unleashed all his anger onto him, smashed him down directly from the sky with punches, even breaking that bastard's skull!

Peng!

Han's summoned great strength into his arm, and threw Fei Roger's dead body onto the ground. Han still used his very unconventional and wild moves to do a roll to break the fall. He took the portable laser cannon from Roger's dead body, and also broke his fingers to take off a yellow dimensional storage ring.

Fei Roger could bring this two-meter long laser weapon onto the battlefield so it probably meant that he had a lot of goodies in his dimension ring. The ring itself was probably better than Han's little 1-meter cube storage space anyways.

Just when Han was checking out the ring, someone appeared out of thin air. He was as thin as a mantis, with two round eyes and a braid on his head. He was a stealth type esper and had been hidden in the vicinity of Han so he just witnessed that scene of Han killing Fei Roger.

Shua~

Han pressed one hand against the ground and was ready to summon the dark fusion beast Earth Claw again.

But this very thin young soldier hastily waved and said, "My name is Lance, and I mean no harm towards you. Nor do I care about that little bounty on you. The reason I lifted stealth was just to tell you, you were very right, this is an unprecedented crisis, and us survivors might have to all work together in order to walk out of here alive."

Han hesitated for a moment, and then gently nodded his head.

Lance took a look at Fei Roger, and said in a deep voice, "Fei Roger was the nephew of Levi, the Sally Empire's Chancellery. Levi can't have kids, so Fei Roger was almost like his son. If the news that you killed his nephew got out, then the consequence will be very serious."

Han packed up the things he got from Fei Roger before looking up and stating. “I killed him because he deserved it.”

“That’s right, I wouldn’t want to team up with his kind of people. He’s not qualified.” Lance nodded.

Rumble~

Suddenly, a loud noise came from behind from the dark hall. It was a ferocious herd howl of the dark beasts!

“Shit! These dark beasts are about to come out! Let’s hurry and run!”

Looking at Han, Lance said in a deep voice, “I can’t help you escape, take care! But if both you and me can survive today and meet again, then maybe we can cooperate.”

“Okay, you take care too!”

After Han finished, he jumped onto the Earth Claw’s back, and this huge black claw carried Han and started running in a very strange way, faster than a rabbit, leaving only a trail of yellow dust in the desert.

Lance was shocked, he twitched and muttered, “F**K, I should’ve brought a few dark fusion beasts with me too. Although they are

illegal, but they can save my life in key moments!”

Shua~

Lance didn't need to run, he had his own life-saving trick. He just started walking forward, and his body quickly camouflaged with the yellow desert, disappearing without a trace.

Han just sat down on Earth Claw, and wiped off the sweat from his forehead.

In fact, Han wasn't having a good time at all, the consecutive high-intensity battles had emptied all of Han's energy. If it wasn't for the Earth Claw, Han might not even have the energy to run. As for taking more drugs again, it wasn't impossible, but it was too risky. In order to break out of the siege, whether it was the source energy, anti-toxin ability, mental strength, sensory ability, they have all been stretched to the limit by Han.

Right now, the result seemed fairly good. At least Han could escape. Looking at the desert, there were barely a few human shadows and they were all in the distance. It would be good enough to have a thousand survivors. This time, the tragedy that fell on Milky Way Meet was much unexpected.

Han put that heavy laser weapon into the ring he grabbed from Fei Roger, and just as he expected, the new ring activated a dimension that was a lot bigger than Han's old ring. That two meter long laser canon was easily stored into it. And now, Han was busy trying to escape and wasn't in the mood to count his loot.

Faced with this tragic crisis, robbing things didn't prove anything, but surviving did.

"Try your best!" Han lightly knocked the exoskeleton of Earth Claw.

The dark fusion beast Earth Claw couldn't make any noises, he just kept his head down and drilled into the ground. This monster's biggest feature was Earth Travel. He was capable of going underground and approaching the enemy in silence, and then delivering a fatal blow.

Now, Han didn't even care if it's about how big that feature was. Instead, he directly used Earth Claw as an underground tank, letting it carry the exhausted Han to quickly escape.

Earth Claw wasn't some perfect fusion beast, his life is very short. Once summoned, he could only survive 24 hours, I guess it can be considered the fate of this type of evil creatures.

Suddenly~

Han felt his heart began racing, and the only remaining source energy inside his body began to circulate, as if it was going to break out of the body!

"It can't be? Why now? Out of all other times?!" Han nervously shouted in his heart.

In the distance came the sound of the dark beasts howling, the herd of dark beasts gathered in the dark hall was coming out! Just like a black tsunami, quickly covering the yellow desert.

Millions of dark beasts!

If those monsters caught up, then everything was over!

Pop~

Han acted decisively, pulling out an automatic injector filled with crimson red liquid from his space ring. He then opening the sealed tube with his teeth, and injected the needle into Earth Claw's body.

Shua~

After a few seconds, the weird looking red liquid was completely injected into Earth Claw's body!

Chapter 86: Valley Of Bones

The liquid that Han injected into the Earth Claw was called Doomsday Burst. Once a creature was injected with such a highly toxic biological agent, the inner body releases its full potential until the creature dies due to complete exhaustion.

The situation was urgent so Han couldn't care too much anymore, he needed to flee the scene as soon as possible because in addition to the dark beasts that were about to chase him to death, there was also a big change taking place inside Han's body. The overflowing source energy was reminding him, he was about to level up!

Recently, Han's level had been hovering around pinnacle 3-star level. Life was a bitch, for the whole way Han was training as hard as possible and still couldn't reach 4-stars, yet right after entering the Extinction Domain, before he even got to take a break, he was already about to level up.

Maybe it was the intense battles and the drugs that amplified Han's source energy that broke the barrier between 3 and 4 stars. In short, Han's feeling was getting stronger, he was about to enter four stars!

Under normal circumstances, leveling up was a cause for celebration. After all, his level got higher, which led to a few beneficial changes including the void domain created was now expanded to a radius of one hundred meters.

But now, Han was at the hell-like extinction domain!

The higher the level-up, the larger the fluctuation of source power, which had a greater impact on the soldiers as well. Including factors like consciousness, power, focus, these things will all drastically weaken due to the body trying to adapt to the large fluctuation in power. If at this time Han gets attacked by dark beasts, then he would be neck deep in danger.

Shua~

The Earth Claw that was injected with the Doomsday Burst started to sprint forward like mad, completely disregarded saving energy and didn't care about how this continuous use of energy will take its life.

The dark fusion beasts weren't too intelligent; all they knew how to do was following orders. Han ordered him to run, so the Earth Claw just ran with his life on the line.

A few hours passed, Han was now very far away from the desert, and he had crossed the mountains and arrived at a dark valley.

Plop~

The Earth Claw finally completed his mission. Originally he could have lived for 24 hours, but now due to physical exhaustion he pitched down to the ground, and the black body began to shrink as quickly as a deflating balloon, quickly turning into a blob of

dark genetic material the size of a fist.

Han can't afford to care about Earth Claw's death, he couldn't suppress the urge to level up anymore, and he suddenly stood up and started practicing the 46 Ensemble.

It must be said that, although the 46 Ensemble was the most basic exercise in the Milky Way, it was truly amazing. Han's body was like a rhythmic movement, sometimes slow sometimes quick, sometimes relaxed and sometimes rapid, sometimes like an eagle soaring into the sky and sometimes quick like a crimson rabbit sprinting under the moon.

The source energy started flowing like a river, constantly surging into Han's body. As Han began to practice the 46 Ensemble, the source energy fluctuation gradually subsided, and about 10 minutes later, Han let out a long breath, and slowly opened his eyes.

Power level 4-stars, finally reached!

Without too many thrilling developments, Han's breakthrough to the 4th star level was completely natural. After the unremitting efforts he displayed, everything was deserved.

Source Power Index past 10 thousand!

The Void End domain radius was now up to 100 meters!

This was an upgrade caused by the increase in source energy. When the source power was accumulated to a certain extent, it will achieve the effect of gene lock, pushing espers to suddenly take a huge step forward, and that was called crossing the level barrier.

Having his level increased, Han felt like everything about him had refreshed. His zero-degree brain region expanded to become equipped with higher strength, which actually offset the large amount of source energy consumed previously, allowing Han to regain his full strength and make him feel alive again.

Han didn't have time to celebrate the unexpected level increase, he observed the surroundings and couldn't help but gasped.

The valley in front of Han's eyes wasn't a normal valley. At the top of the valley was actually a huge white skeleton left behind after the death of a giant monster.

The spinal part reached at least a dozen kilometers, and the bones sideways across both ends of the valley should be sternum. Han was completely under the shadow of the huge bones.

It seemed to be left behind by a giant snake, Han could only guess that these bones belonged to the star beasts from the legends, otherwise he couldn't possibly explain how a snake could grow to such surprising size.

And in the sky above at the end of the valley, there floated a huge tower that was tens of thousands of meters from the ground, just hovering there. It was shocking.

It was said, A-19 was where the prehistoric civilization trained their soldiers, and those floating towers were different training levels. If one could successfully enjoy the tower and get out, then the system programmed by the prehistoric civilization will be give out really generous rewards.

Inside the relic A-19, these floating towers were called dominant tests. Because their existences were obvious, everyone can see them. There were also some hidden tests, and it was said to have even more lucrative returns, but they were not easy to find nor easily accessible.

Those powerful nations in the Milky Way had sent professional teams to study the relics, and in their hands were some maps of the test levels that give the most loot. Thus, whenever the relic opened, they will carefully select soldiers to enter.

As for Han, he came from the insignificant planet Earth, and so far, was the only person from Earth that had been to A-19 before. Not to mention the professional research team, there weren't even any predecessor who had experiences that could be shared. If it wasn't for Pathless, Han would've had received little to no information about the A-19.

Unfortunately, Pathless wasn't an expert in researching extinction domains as he indulged in mostly martial arts. Night Walker was also focused in the pharmacology field. Although they were both powerful, but because of their specialization, they both couldn't offer more help for Han.

Not to mention finding those hidden test levels that led to high quality treasure, it was not even easy to get into any floating towers. Each floating tower had a switch that was usually located at a location below the tower, and activating that switch will summon a ladder that goes into the sky. Then one can get inside those towers.

“I will try to stay alive first.” Han shook his head, and said to himself.

He opened the ring he got from Fei Roger, and poured out all the stuff.

This dimension storage ring was a lot higher level than Han's. It actually contained a space that was 10 meters cubed in size, which meant that it was at least 7 hundred million GC!

A dimensional ring that was worth 7 hundred million GC!

Han got so excited, and he started to carefully look through the others stuff Fei Roger brought with him. After all, this guy was the nephew of Sally Empire's Chancellery, he had a lot of valuable stuff, he even carried cash and jewelry with him.

But, Fei Roger was a spoiled young man after all. A lot of things on him were not useful for Han, like all kinds of delicious cuisine, gorgeous silk jackets, pretty little sheepskin boots, and even makeup for men. These things were all thrown away by Han.

Han did some mental math. The ring itself plus the laser cannon, plus the jewelry and some other weapons, the overall value was at least 9 hundred million GC, no doubt a huge harvest.

It was really troublesome to commit robbery in today's society, Han was sure that a spoiled guy like Fei Roger will at least have a couple hundred million GC in his bank account, but unfortunately Han couldn't get his hands on his bank account as well, which is quite sad.

After quickly checking again and packing up everything, Han was about to hit the road. At that moment he saw the Earth Claw that has huddled into a little ball. He let out a gentle sigh, dug a hole on the right side of the valley, buried it, and picked up a few rocks and made a mark.

“The world says that you are an evil synthetic life, but in my eyes, regardless of whether you are evil or good, you saved my life. I'm sorry, I had no choice but to inject Doomsday Burst into you, otherwise you could've lived a few more hours.”

“Thanks for your help, I'm going now, you stay here and rest in peace.” Han mumbled a few words, and accelerated his steps to rush towards the end of the valley.

The silent valley and giant skeleton above his head gave Han a very creepy feeling. Thinking about the countless dark beasts that are currently chasing and killing the rest of the human survivors, Han's sense of crisis got even stronger.

Thirty days! One needed to survive in this hellish environment for 30 days, it was no doubt a harsh test for all participants.

Due to the sudden level-up on the battlefield, Han's movement speed also increased a lot, and in a blink of an eye he arrived at the end of the Valley and saw that huge white skeleton monster's head resting in the dirt.

It was a very strange looking head, with sharp edges. The rows of fangs were even taller than Han, shining a pale color under the sun.

Han guessed, if the owner of these bones was really a snake, then it would be a truly terrifying monster snake, even after passing away millions of years ago, its remains still released a murderous aura. That mouthful of sharp fangs, it couldn't be known how many enemies were killed by them.

Escape was his priority. Han didn't dare to stay here any longer, just as he prepared to leave the valley, he saw something red inside that monster snake's bones.

Being driven by curiosity, Han got closer and looked through the slit between the monster's teeth.

Inside the skull grew some "red beans" that were shining, that color was bright red like fresh blood...

Chapter 87: Aeon Blood Seep

The small “red beans” gave Han a feeling of familiarity. He had seen them somewhere before; it should’ve been in that pharmacology book that Night Walker gave him.

“Could it be Aeon Blood Seep?” (TL: Aeon is tens of thousands of years) Han scratched his chin, and said to himself, “I can’t be that lucky? Aeon Blood Seep is something formed when the Earth absorbed the blood of powerful espers. It’s super rare, but here...”

Han suddenly raised his head, he suddenly realized, the huge monster’s skeleton stretches dozens of kilometers, and these blood-color red beans have been growing inside the monster’s skull, so they must be formed after absorbing the blood of this huge monster.

That meant, the Aeon Blood Seep doesn’t just form rarely after the death of elite espers, the pure blood of monsters could also foster top level drug ingredients.

Looking around, there were a lot of footprints left behind by dark beasts. It was still clear.

From that, it could be predicted that the places that grew Aeon Blood Seep usually had large amount of dark beasts gathering under normal conditions, making harvesting a difficult task.

But now, all the dark beasts inside the A-19 were gathered at the dark hall to massacre human invaders, leaving other places in the

relic empty. That actually gave Han the perfect opportunity to stop by and harvest these precious Aeon Blood Seeps!

Shua~

Han got in through the crack in the monster's skull, and picked up an Aeon Blood Seep to start studying it.

It couldn't be wrong, the 6 leafed plant that grew fruits like a drop of blood, the fruit shined and there seems to be blood flowing on the inside. It had a light fragrance, looked light but was actually as heavy as a steel bead, these were all features of Aeon Blood Seep.

Blood Seep was a powerful purifier type drug, and it could also be used as a valuable neutralizing agent for drugs. On the Galactic Dark Net, one drop of Aeon Blood Seep can be sold for at least 1 million GC, and there was always demand but little supply.

Han saw those clumps of red blood drops and was very pleasantly surprised. There were at least a few hundred drops, and he could just harvest them all himself!

In fact, dead bodies of high level espers had always been precious treasures that were hard to get. Power crystals may have formed in their brain, and blood seeps might have grown at the place that buried the body. Some scientists on the dark net can even dismantle the dead bodies to make sinful drugs.

Like the zero-degree region repair potion that Li Yu used in the

past, that was from refining extracted brain fluids from living warriors, the method was very cruel.

Of course, after being exposed by the dark net for so long, Han already felt natural towards these illegal activities. He actually had a better understanding of the dark world than the normal world.

Han began to harvest these blood seeps. These valuable plants were very special, once the fruit has been picked, the plant will immediately wither down to the root, and never grow back again. After this harvest, if someone else comes here later on, then all they see would be empty ground with nothing here.

Usually, the blood seeps that came from espers' refined blood, having one plant was good enough. But these blood seeps were formed from giant star beasts, that's why there was an incredible amount of it.

As for the difference between blood seeps that formed from espers and beasts in the pharmacological field, Han wasn't very clear, and this question will be left for the true expert Night Walker to solve.

732 drops.

After Han finished counting these precious blood seeps, he placed them into the storage ring. Inside the ring was an vacuum environment, so he was not scared of these blood seeps rotting.

According to the Dark Net's market price, 1 million GC per drop, 732 drops is 732 million GC, plus all the loots he got earlier gave Han a total net gain of 1.6 billion GC!

“I still have to be alive to be able to spend this fortune.” While being excited Han still knew the danger he was in.

Just when he was planning to leave the skull of the monster, suddenly, after the field of blood seep plants withered, a golden ring appeared on the ground. Although being ages old, it was still shiny. Han didn't know what material that's made out of.

Han squatted and gently picked up the ring out of curiosity.

Shua~

Suddenly, Han was teleported to the floating tower above the end of the valley. The alloy gate in front of his eyes slowly lifted, and inside was pitch black darkness.

So that golden ring was a switch that activated the sky ladder, Han inadvertently entered himself in a trial.

Han looked around, countless identical towers were floating magically in the air so no one knew which ones' level were higher or had better rewards. Espers all relied on luck to stumble into these towers for trial tests.

The time of trials were normally 24 hours. According to

experience, the longer the trial time, the higher level this floating tower was. After clearing corresponding trials, the loot was a lot better as well, and they were usually the key to getting a high ranking after the exploration event ends.

It was said that the highest record for trial times in the A-19 was 96 hours, but Han didn't know where these high level floating towers were located at all. The location was only known by those powerful countries so their espers could go directly there without competition when the exploration event starts.

For this reason, the winners of past Milky Way Meet were all someone from the 12 Permanent Member Countries. People like Ke Lake, as someone that came from a weak unknown planet, it was already very shocking for him to make the 9th place.

Loots like Aeon Blood Seep, although it was top level loot, the Alliance won't give Han too high score for that. After all blood seeps were drug ingredients. If Han wanted a high score then he needed to find blueprints, genetic codes and other things that could benefit the entire humanity.

Han not only had to make sure that he survived in the A-19, but also secure enough points. That would be just enough to make sure that Earth didn't get colonized.

Ten years ago, that was what Ke Lake did. He passed A-7 at 9th place, made great contributions to the Alliance, and was recognized as a top talent.

When Sally Empire and a few other countries wanted to colonize Earth, the Alliance executives considered Ke Lake's contribution and potential so they rejected that proposal, and that allowed Earth to luckily exist for another 10 years.

After ten years, now that Ke Lake's missing, the heavy responsibility landed on Han. He must obtain the same or even better score than Ke Lake, in order to possibly prevent the colonization of Earth.

Thinking about that, Han raised his eye brows, and walked into the pitch black tower in big steps.

"If getting high enough score is my mission, then I will accept this trial!"

Peng!

The large gate closed immediately, numerous holographic projections were shot into the darkness, and the darkness suddenly turned into a battlefield near broken cliffs!

Shua~

A light display was activated, it was showing Milky Way's universal language, and so Han was able to read it. Humans have learned countless things from prehistoric civilization, and this language was one of them.

Han was shocked, his eyes were fixed on those words, with a look of disbelief on his face.

“Trial level, 7.”

“Time required, 168 hours!”

A floating tower trial that takes 168 hours to complete, this should be the top level trial in A-19 right?! Before this, Han heard that the highest floating tower trial was only 96 hours, called Level 5 Trail.

Every time, A-19, the could only be activated for 30 days, yet this simple trial was going to take 7 days and 7 nights. It was obviously how high-level and difficult this trial would be.

Only by attending the hardest trial, will it be possible to get the most valuable reward!

Everything that happened in this world happened for a reason. In the dark hall, Han didn't choose to flee with the majority, but escaped on his own onto a side path.

This side path took Han to the Skeleton Valley, found him valuable blood seeps. After harvesting the blood seeps, the hidden sky ladder appeared, and Han then came to this Level 7 Trial.

All of which happened since the moment he picked a path that no one else walked. If since the very beginning, Han made choices

similar to others, then how would he be lucky enough to end up here?

Han smiled, his finger gently touched the “Start” button on the screen.

Now, he really wants to know, the top level trials left behind by the prehistoric civilization, what was it going to be like? Once cleared, what would be the reward?”

Chapter 88: Killing Machine

Ye Family's Convoy Fleet, Flagship, Class Airwalk.

The sailing continued, Ye Weiwei shut herself inside her room. 24 hours had passed since that news report on the big crisis in A-19. Ye Weiwei almost didn't eat anything, and she was simply depressed to the extreme.

After all, she was just a silly little girl. Ye Weiwei didn't know what happened to her. All she knew was that it felt like as if she had lost something very important. The moment she closed her eyes, Han's shadow was everywhere in her brain.

Maybe it was because Han gave her something that no one else could and that was freedom. Beside Han, Ye Weiwei could wear a dress, pick up a playful puppy, and do a lot of things that she always wanted to do but couldn't. This gradually formed a type of attachment.

Lying in bed, tossing and turning, Ye Weiwei took out her laptop and started watching the live news. Right now, all the eyes of the Milky Way were on the tragedy that happened at A-19.

The hostess said hastily, "According to our latest information received, the Milky Way Alliance officially announced, 24 hours after Extinction Domain A-19 was activated, the casualty count reached 98.1%. This means, among the 100 thousand young talents, only 1900 are still alive."

“Right now, please welcome our special guest, Professor Prandelli to explain to us, what this number really means? And among the survivors, how many can really make it through the remaining 29 days?”

The old professor scratched his head, and said in a deep voice, “Ah, to be honest, we should be glad that the 100 thousand espers were not all killed. After all, when the relic was just activated the casualty count was already that high. Right now, I have reason to believe, the survivors have already left the entrance point which was the dark hall.”

“As we all know, once out of the dark hall, they will be facing the dimension world fabricated by the prehistoric civilization with high level technology. This world is very vast, although it is still dangerous, it won’t be a complete slaughter like what happened at the dark hall. So, these 1900 espers still have a chance to survive until the extinction domain deactivates.”

“Besides, those soldiers that survived are all elites. The majority of the lower level or weaker power espers might have already been eliminate. In conclusion, I’m still cautiously pessimistic about the result after 29 days. After all it’s still a long way to go, and no one really know what’s really happening inside A-19.”

The hostess quickly asked, “Professor, you just said that leaving the dark hall means temporary safety, can you introduce to us more about the inside of an extinction domain?”

The old professor nodded, “Overall, A-19 relic is like a complete world, and it is not too different than the world we live in. I’ve

mentioned the entrance point which is the dark hall. After the hall and before the relic world, will be a temporary safety period.”

“The real threat is that the world inside the relic doesn’t remain the same. As time passes, more and more hidden entrances or switches will be revealed, which are originally opportunities for espers to find a lot of priceless treasures and blueprints.”

“But at the same time, more dark beasts, and things even stronger than dark beasts will also appear in the extinction domain. This is like a gradual process of increasing difficulty.”

The hostess hesitated, “Do you mean to say, there are internal operating rules inside the relic, and the difficult of survival will gradually increase meaning the last few days will reach its peak level difficulty, which is the most dangerous, is that right?”

Professor Prandelli nodded his head, “It has always been like this. In addition, A-19 is different from other relics. It was originally a training ground for the prehistoric civilization. When they left, they also put in a lot of dark beasts and other even more powerful hostile creatures, so...”

Sigh~

Ye Weiwei suddenly felt her heart trembling. It was not that she was someone that could be easily scared, but hearing about the difficult situation those participants at the relic were facing, she didn’t know why but she was just really scared, she didn’t even dare to continue to listen to the news anymore.

“Han, you definitely need to stay alive.” Ye Weiwei curled up in bed, and her eyes became a little bit watery.

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Miracle System, A-19 Extinction Domain.

It really was a trial with the high level 7 difficulty. It has been 18 hours nonstop and Han was surrounded by a large group of orcs. They would stand up and challenge Han one by one, and Han would need to beat every one of them or else he will be eliminated.

Around him were collapsed buildings and a burning city. This test was to simulate Han as a survivor of an attack and under the siege of countless enemies.

Luckily, it was not like a siege attack from before, but more like a never-ending challenge tournament. It's been 18 hours and Han already killed countless opponents but the test was still not ending.

Another Orc stood out, stepping on broken rubble and displaying his muscles which were harder than steel.

Orc was a name Han gave to them. These guys didn't look human, their foreheads were narrower and higher, nose pointed to the sky, and a row of fangs grew casually in their mouth. They wore animal skins, and their bodies were covered with ornaments made from animal bones. Most of them were about two meters in

height.

In the Milky Way, aside from humans, there were a lot of other alien races. But due to humans being more powerful, the alien races' living situations were generally tougher. As well, they engaged in industry that had high risks, like Old Mo from the Kui race who was working as a Skinner, or like the Witch race which were generally working as assassins.

Right now this strange race, all their soldiers were power descents, relying on brutal force in battles and fighting like beasts. That was why Han called them orcs.

The Orc race's fighting style was simple yet brave. They don't say anything, and they stood up and started attacking Han with brute force immediately. After one got killed, another one stands up again to fight Han, and it was like an infinite loop.

AWOOOOOO~

This guy was just like the previous challengers, all he knew was to roar and throw his fist at Han.

Han was secretly crying on the inside. Among all types of espers, strength class were relatively common, but they were the type that Han wanted to avoid the most. Han's void end simply couldn't do anything against those huge muscles.

Han could drag a flying guy back down, he could hold a water guy

in water to suffocate, and he could force all the thunder, fire, and ice class espers into a worthless state! But for a strength class opponent, what could Han do?

Shua~

The Orc warrior's fist was like a huge steel hammer, smashing right down towards Han's head. The fist flashed towards him, its force was thunderous!

Han couldn't see the end of these battles, and he started to doubt if this type of fight will last seven days and seven nights.

If that was really the case, then Han was screwed. Han becomes stronger when he faces strong opponents, but against these normal opponents that just dominated in numbers, he really couldn't fully utilize his strengths.

Han's eyes firmly fixed on the enemy's fist, his body inclined in a strange way towards the left.

After a long time of fighting, Han learned to predict the direction of enemy attacks, and learned to minimize the amount of energy consumed for each kill. After all, the enemies were great in numbers and Han doesn't know how long this battle will go on for. So saving drugs and energy became the most important mission for now.

Han's attacks and counterattacks were more natural. He just

turned his body down sideways to dodge the fist, and suddenly, his body that was just parallel to the ground came right back up in a very incredible way. His right fist started gathering dark energy as Han reached to the back, and it went right after the Orc's heart from behind!

Boom!

Dark Fist!

The power of darkness penetrated the opponent's body straight from the back, completely crushing his heart!

Without question, this was an extremely effective way of attack. Han didn't use any extra moves or consume any additional energy. Han only used one punch to hit the most critical place, and one punch was enough to take the opponent's life!

Unknowingly, Han's killing techniques was improving at an insane rate.

Han's Dark Fist was powerful, but in the past, Han always used full force to make sure that one punch was enough to shatter the enemies in pieces, blowing up like a balloon!

But now that he needs to conserve energy, Han couldn't use full force anymore, but rather needed to cleverly use his energy, and kill using the most effective, most efficient, and fastest way.

“Are you guys done yet?! Fine, again! I will kill you all sooner or later!” Han shouted, he was also trying to raise his own morale.

After all, it was already eighteen hours of nonstop battle, Han doesn't even remember how many people he killed. In comparison, the stress he had to endure from the pressure exam was nothing. The methods that the prehistoric civilization used to train their soldiers were a lot crueler than humans.

Shua~

Just when Han shouted that sentence and thought that the battle would just go on endlessly, the surroundings suddenly disappeared. Those long tusks ugly Orcs disappeared too, and it was pitch black in the floating tower again.

Instead, a screen lit up.

“One Thousand Kills Completed.”

“Time taken, 18 hours 4 minutes 5 seconds.”

“Evaluation: Beginner Level Killing Machine...”

Han read the words on that screen, it seemed like he had unknowingly killed that many people? A thousand kills took 18 hours and 4 minutes, so that's on average one minute per kill?!

Beginner Killing Machine?

Han doesn't really like the title he was given.

Shua~

Suddenly, the screen flashed again, and the second dialogue appeared, and it directly shocked Han to the extent that he almost cried!

“After four hours, begin Intermediate Killing Machine Test. Target, 10,000 kills!”

Han finally realized, this Level 7 Floating Tower, is a place that trains killing machines!

He just finished killing a thousand targets, and now 10 thousand?!

Chapter 89: Four Powerful Cards In Hand!

The room in the Level 7 Floating Tower dimmed into darkness. Han sat down in the darkness, pulled out an automatic water collection cup and energy bar and started eating in small chunks.

The China region on earth was rich with people who had spoiled mouths (TL: as in they are very picky with food). Yet although Han was Chinese, his non-pickiness for food almost reached an outrageous extent. This time exploring the A-19, he only brought two things, water and energy bars.

The water collection cup was a small and black light fiber texture cup. It could automatically collect moisture from the air and convert it into pure drinking water through its condensation system.

As for the energy bar, it was a dark red emergency food that was rich in protein and all kinds of vitamins. A small bar was enough to ensure a soldier's energy consumption for a day.

The vast majority of soldiers all hated this type of superiorly effective energy bars because it tasted so bad. It was like chewing up plastic, scentless and tasteless. It was designed that way so that when you eat you won't be discovered by monsters that had a keen sense of smell.

Food that was like chewing on wax, Han was actually having a good time eating it. From a certain perspective you could say that he had high tolerance and could endure more hardship than an

average soldier.

Suddenly, eerie sounds came from the darkness. After the inside of the floating tower completely darkened, some lives hidden inside the tower began to appear.

“Eye of Darkness!”

Han whispered inside his heart, and when he opened his right eye again, his eye had completely turned black.

By observing with his dark power, Han saw many strange creatures. They were clearing up the battlefield, dragging those opponents that Han killed into the depths of the tower, into some sort of cleaning machine. There was the sound of bones and flesh getting minced.

Han was shocked. So the existence of Orcs was not virtual, but real! What he just killed were all living creatures!

As for the things that were clearing up the battlefield, they were very strange with a shining lit region on their chest. It should be their energy source so they might actually be a bunch of robots.

Han was lost in thought, ever since he entered the domain, he felt something was strange here. The words were written in the Milky Way Universal language. This could still be explained because mankind originally learned this language from the prehistoric domain.

And then it was the activation of the floating tower. It seemed as if this set of systems from the prehistoric civilization regarded Han's existence as the same as the beings from the prehistoric civilization. Not only was the A-19 like this, but all the other relics too.

Does this prove that, the prehistoric intelligent beings and humanity were common in a way?

That's why humans could easily accept everything left behind by the prehistoric domain: their technology, machinery, genetic modification technology, etc.

Speaking of genetic modification technology, dark beasts must be mentioned. They were something created by the prehistoric civilization so they don't reproduce naturally but were instead, created by automated production systems.

Thinking back to the time Li Yu led the brothers at the Extinction Domain Administration, their goal was actually to find C-level's biological breeding hub inside the relic and destroy it, otherwise there would always be dark beasts and their number would grow.

Of course, humans can also use the same means to prevent the manufacturing of dark beasts in higher level relics but unfortunately, these A-class relics were way too difficult to manage. As well, the location of the central production facility was also very mysterious. Up until now, there were only a few A-class relics that were compromised and became safe points.

These A-class relics that no longer had dark beasts were all under the control of the 12 permanent members of Milky Way without exception. They vigorously studied the relic interior, and copied the technology that was left behind by the prehistoric civilization, ultimately achieving the superior position of the 12 permanent members today.

Han was thinking, if dark beasts could be manufactured, then what about these Orcs? They should also be manufactured by a Gene development center that also trained these soldiers right?

Han's curiosity began to grow, he really wanted to go look at these robots that cleaned up the battlefield and see where those dead Orcs were sent off to? Where are the living Orcs kept? How does this huge floating tower really work?

Thinking back and forth, Han decided to not make any move. Spying on the floating tower's interior for secrets was no doubt dangerous. If Han wanted to live, then he bettered follow the rules inside this relic.

The robots were really quick at their job, the inside of the floating tower was soon restored to the previous state, and even the odor of dead bodies was gone. The robots all disappeared and everywhere had gone silent.

Looked at the time, Han could rest for another 3 hours. He put two nuclear energy pills inside his mouth, then laid on the cold alloy floor and slowly closed his eyes.

During the short rest, Han had a dream, a very terrifying dream.

He dreamed that the relic was activated by an unknown strength, the gene development center, in addition to manufacturing dark beasts, also began to manufacture even more terrifying fusion creations. Soldiers of mankind fell one after another and the whole relic was in chaos. Han stood on top of a mountain and witnessed the brutal massacre, bodies piled up to be mountains, and blood flowed and formed rivers.

Di...Di...Di...Di...~

The preset alarm clock pulled Han back from the nightmare. After a few minutes the intermediate killing machine test will begin, and Han's goal was 10 thousand kills! Ten times more than before!

While there were still a few more minutes left, Han practiced a bit of 46 Ensemble.

Under the influence of drugs, Hans physical strength and energy has been completely restored. His high tolerance to toxicity was one of Han's biggest cards in his hand, allow him to rely on drugs to restore energy.

Kacha~

The whole floating tower lit up again, the height was at least 50

thousand meters, and its diameter was at least 15 thousand meters. It could generate a mix of virtual and real elements to fabricate the battleground, and was one of the miracles left behind by the prehistoric civilization.

The surroundings were changing again. A valley began to appear, and so did rivers and forests.

This was an energy based virtual environment. Each mountain was an energy body, allowing Han to actually climb up. But these mountains didn't have a physical entity, they were formed by energy beams shot down from all sides of the floating tower coupled with virtual reality technology. A virtual mountain was created with all the characteristics of a real mountain.

As for Han's opponents, they were real physical entities created using their genetic development technology and they were under the control of the central system. They could be understood as a more advanced version of clones.

Han's opponents began to appear, they stood up from hills, crawled out from rivers, and walked out from forests. It was definitely more than 10 thousand, and they have surrounded Han.

They were from an alien race again. They had grey white bodies and curved eyes. Their eyeballs were red, and didn't have any combat suits protecting them so they were half naked.

Their upper bodies were long, and their pair of big legs were even more exaggerated. Full of steel-like muscles, showing that they

should be capable of strong jumping abilities and overall mobility.

“F**k, it’s another siege again!” Han looked around and cursed.

The system’s setting in the floating tower was quite annoying. Every time the enemies would surround Han and create a siege battle. If the enemies all came out from one direction, Han could at least save some energy.

But now, enemies could come from all sides!

Shua~

Shua~

Shua~

The siege began! Countless alien enemies rushed straight for Han!

No, they didn’t rush, they bounced!

So this grey white skinned alien race were all bounce type espers. They were all like grasshoppers, capable of bouncing a few hundred meters high so they could instantly bounce a few hundred meters to appear right in front of Han.

Han was so angry that he wanted to curse. It was as if the floating tower had seen through Han's weakness and specifically picked opponents that countered Han's ability.

Bounce type espers' feature were their burst strength and momentum. This type of enemy was very annoying because momentum was a type of physical attack. Even if Han took away their power, they could still use the momentum they created through the initial bounce to rush to Han's face.

Han gritted his teeth and his eyes became cold. His fingers lightly touched his ring, and a blade suddenly appeared in his hand. The Silver Moon Crescent blade, the top tier weapon from the Zizhu Empire.

Han's dark power was really destructive, so Han not only broke the right arm portion of his combat suit, he even slightly bended this priceless weapon.

But, Silver Moon Crescent blade's edge was still sharp!

In addition, Han didn't just have Void End, he also knew a forbidden martial art!

The Six Paths of the Void!

They just saw Han's body twist in a very strange way, and the sharp edge in his hand approached the enemy in a completely unexpected angle and gently came into contact with them.

The sharp edge immediately opened up a huge cut on the enemy's neck. The enemies would keep charging forward for a few meters, then collapse onto the ground, with their hand covering their neck as their body gradually become cold.

Bounce type espers still had a weakness. When they initiated their jump, they were like a bullet. Although very fast, but they move in a straight line and can't change their path in the air. Once they pass Han, they can't stop themselves immediately, and they would continue catapulting tens of meters before coming to a full stop.

This just meant that the bounce type espers were destined to be a live target in the air once they initiated a bounce, as long as Han was agile enough and his edge was sharp enough, he could take their lives before they landed on the ground again!

And Han's Void End wasn't completely useless. The four star Han could take away everyone's power within a 100-meter radius!

These bounce type enemies must catapult themselves outside of the 100-meter range, or else they won't be able to do anything anymore. And if bounce type espers couldn't bounce, then their combat strength will be greatly reduced and they won't be an opponent for Han.

Gengci~

Gengci~

Han became completely mercilessly. Whether they were fusion beings or clones, he needed to kill them first!

The enemies that bounced over were killed midair, and enemies that ran towards Han were killed before they even got close!

In a blink of an eye, corpses were everywhere, and blood flowed like rivers.

The Silver Moon Crescent Blade in Han's hand began to quickly reap the lives of enemies!

“Sensory pill, double dose!”

Pop~

Two pill instantly went into Han's mouth, drastically improving Han's perception ability.

Faced with these high jumping enemies, Han's perception and reflexes became extremely important. Due to Han's unique tolerance for toxins, he could rely on drugs to force his perception to be more sensible, and his moves to be more agile!

During the first test, Han, on average, killed one enemy every minute.

But this time, he was killing one every few seconds.

Kill!

Desperately kill!

Kill without having to worry about anything!

Han was currently shouldering a huge responsibility; he was shouldering the hope of the entire Earth!

If becoming an emotionless killing machine was what is took to save Earth from being colonized, then Han will become the most merciless killer in the Milky Way! He won't frown no matter how many he kills!

In fact, Han's ability to kill was more powerful than he expected.

Because he not only had the Void end, but also the power of half of the Heart of Darkness, the power of Six Paths of Void, and also the super tolerance for toxins!

Exactly four powerful cards in hand!

Chapter 90: Irrevocable

Ten thousand kills, reached!

As the floating tower sunk back into darkness, Han suddenly felt dizzy and fell down on his butt. His right arm that was holding the Silver Moon Crescent Blade was still slightly trembling.

10 Thousand kills, Han didn't know how long it took him, or how he managed to endure it, but he did it! Within the specified time, he killed ten thousand opponents!

Shua~

The screen appeared again.

“Ten thousand kills, complete!”

“Time taken, 47 hours 16 minutes and 25 seconds.”

“Evaluation result, Intermediate Killing Machine.”

Whew~

He let out a long breath. It took two full days; no wonder his arm was aching. Let alone killing 10 thousand enemies, even if you continuously ate 10 thousand chicken wings your arm would hurt too.

Soon, the screen appeared again, there was a new instruction.

“24 hours later, begin Advanced Killing Machine Test.”

“Test topics, random.”

What the **** do you mean by random?!

Han shook his head. He couldn't do too much about it. Being extremely tired, he fell asleep right away after taking another nuclear energy pill. Han didn't know how to end this crazy level 7 exam anyways, so he might as well take a break first.

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Just when Han was taking the difficult test, an old acquaintance of Han was also tossing and turning in the relic.

He was the person that Han met once during the pressure exam, the young and sentimental Lan Feng.

Coincidentally, Han also met Lan Feng's friend already, the Stealth esper that he met after he escaped from the dark hall.

Sigh~

Lan Feng laid in a gap between two rocks, his held his head, and constantly sighed as he tossed and turned.

“Life is full of mystery, life and death could have been a very common thing. Even the strongest warlord will die, but if we are all going to die, then would it be a bit too sad and pathetic if I die here?”

“My mom and dad should be very sad right? After all, I wasn’t the one that wanted to come, they forced me.”

“Huh? Lance? Why aren’t you talking?” It was like as if Lan Feng was nagging to himself.

Soon, Lance was annoyed by Lan Feng and couldn’t fell asleep, he came out of stealth, appeared beside Lan Feng, and frowned, “Yo crazy man, are you done yet? At this point, what is complaining going to do? The most important thing right now is to live, live no matter what it takes!”

“I really regret it, why did I become your partner? You are such a burden. That guy I met on outside of dark hall, he even brought dark fusion beasts, clearly he made a lot of preparation. Partnering up with people like that will increase our chances of walking out of here alive.”

Lan Fei smiled, tapped his fingers on his space ring and said, “I brought a lot of good things too.”

“What did you bring?”

“I have the valuable first edition of the Milky Way Talk.”

“Book? What use is that book?” Lance said snappily.

“I have the Milky Way Poetry collection.”

“Poetry? Retard, what are you doing bringing poetry onto battlefield?”

Lan Fei said very seriously, “To resolve loneliness.”

Plop~

Lance almost fainted, he tilted his head and looked at Lan Feng, said, “Ok, you win. Loneliness. In the next few days there will be more dark beasts, and I can assure you, soon you won’t feel lonely anymore.”

Just when they are talking, a strange change took place in the sky!

Lan Feng looked up and was suddenly shocked, he said in surprise, “Lance, look, the floating towers are moving!”

Lance quickly followed Lan Feng’s line of sight and looked, and

he saw those floating towers in the sky really began to move, dozens of nearby floating towers started flying towards another floating tower in the distance.

Boom~

Soon, the first floating tower arrived at the destination, soon followed by the second one, the third one.

Suddenly, dozens of floating towers all merged together and became one enormous entity!

Originally, each tower is 50 thousand meters tall and 15 thousand meters in diameter, and now that dozens of them merged together, it suddenly became a giant in the sky!

Lance swallowed spittle, surprised, “How could this happen? Didn’t they say that each tower is a testing arena, why did they all combined just now?”

Lan Feng thought for a moment, and smiled, “Possibly someone activated a really high level trial and one tower wasn’t enough, so dozens more tower are needed to piece together a larger area for the trials.”

Lance had the unbelievable look on his face, “High level trial? You are guessing right? I’ve never heard of towers that could merge.”

Lan Feng nodded, “Of course it’s my guess. Back then, I read all tens of thousands of the historical volumes on the A-19, and it’s the first time something like this happened. Landis Mulin Lamu, are you interested to go and take a look with me?”

“Don’t call me by my full name!” Lance was a little flustered and said, “I hate people calling my full name! Call me Lance!”

Lan Feng pouted and said, “If you can go with me, then I won’t say your full name. Otherwise...”

“Okay, you win! Wait here, I will go scout the vicinity first.” Lan said after stomping the ground once.

“Ok, go. Come back quick.” Lan Feng gently waved at him like he’s commanding his servant.

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This time Han slept deeply, he opened his eyes again after 23 full hours, it’s clear how huge the energy consumption this insane level 7 test was.

Han quickly took two source energy pills, and also drank some water and ate some energy bars to replenish his strength.

Gengci~

The water that just went into Han's mouth soon erupted out, because Han now realized, just when he was sleeping, the interior area of this floating tower expanded a hundredfold!

The height was still the same, but the width had increased too much that he couldn't see the end anymore. It was empty and silent, Han stood at the center of the tower like an insignificant ant.

"What happened? How did the tower become so endless?" Han frowned as he said to himself.

Yes, Han didn't use the wrong word, the floating tower can really be described as endless. Standing in there was like standing on an boundless prairie.

All the bodies and blood had been cleaned up. An innumerable number of lamps lit up inside the tower, allowing Han to clearly see this enormous testing space.

Han suddenly had a bad feeling. The tower suddenly became that big, it must be for the next test.

"This huge space, don't know how many enemies they are trying to accommodate for. It can't be a million kill test?" Han muttered in his heart.

Shua~

Suddenly, the instruction screen lit up again, and it's filled with texts.

“Ultimate Killing Machine test is about to begin.”

“Rating, Highest Level.”

“Rule of Operation: Forced Completion, Irrevocable.”

“Test topics, Randomly selected.”

Under those words, there is a start button, the moment Han press it the system will automatically pick a topic.

Forced to complete, irrevocable?

Han was stunned.

The prehistoric civilization is really cruel!

So when one gets into the Level 7 test, he must complete all the topics? He can't even quit mid way? That's a bit too overbearing right?

Actually, what's more overbearing has yet to come.

Han has yet to press down the start key, and the system began

counting down the seconds! That's forcing Han to take the extremely risky ultimate killing machine test!

Pa~

Forced back to the wall, Han summoned his pride of a virgin and smashed down on the start button. As the saying goes, I can't die yet, I'm still a virgin

Shua~

The display quickly changed, a total of nine numbers began to flip, probably representing the 9 tests. As the numbers were randomized, Han's heart began to feel hanged up.

Pop~

The numbers finally stopped changing, Han took a closer look, it's nine, he got the 9th ultimate test.

According to the law of numbers, 9 is either the easiest or the hardest...

Chapter 91: Either The Fish Dies Or The Net Breaks

(TL: Title is an idiom that describes a life and death struggle)

The texts on the screen changed, finally giving specific instructions on the 9th Test topic.

“Test Topic: One Million Souls.”

“Test type: Energy Simulation.”

“Test requirement: Complete one million kills within the specified time.”

“Test standard, Completion or Death.”

Ceng~

Han saw the content and there was huge humming sound inside his head.

The meaning of these instructions was that this test topic was called one million souls. Han’s enemies will no longer be manufactured lives, but lives simulated by energy. This meant that a system installed inside the floating tower will release waves of energy, and the energy will take form and become Han’s adversaries.

Maybe it was because one million enemies was too much to manufacture. That was why the system was using energy instead of genetically manufactured races.

But that was not important, what was important were the last two sentences.

If Han wanted to complete this high level killing machine test, he must kill one million opponents in energy form within the specified time given! Otherwise, he would die inside the tower if the test was not completed.

Crazy! Those people from the prehistoric civilization that designed this kind of training were absolutely crazy!

The so-called specified time, was probably the total time minus the time Han already used on the previous tests.

Only 68 hours, Han must complete one million kills within 68 hours or he will be executed by the system!

There's no doubt that Han was extremely screwed. He finally passed the two previous tests, and the final test actually had such harsh conditions.

Han just felt a chill in his chest. To kill one million enemies within 68 hours, it was not a goal he could meet. Han was probably done today...

Shua~

The screen disappeared, and at the same time the floating tower began to activate. Beams after beams of energy shot down at the vacant ground beside Han, and the energy accumulated and took on a human form.

Souls of the dead appeared, just like those shown in movies. They only had a skeleton, no flesh, and inside their hands were weapons which the opponents from previous tests didn't have. All kinds of weapons, and they were all made from energy but Han doubted that they were any less deadly than the lethal real-world weapons.

The number of one million, like a miserably pale white desert, and Han was just like one little black grain of sand inside this desert. So lonely, so helpless.

"I can't die! I can't die here!" Han suddenly shouted, "Since I can't pass this god damn unreasonable test, then let either the fish die or net break, let's all crash and burn!"

As the last hope for the entire Earth, Han shouldered a huge responsibility. If he failed, then Earth will fall, and the 16 billion people on Earth will become someone's slave!

When humans were on the verge of death, they could always find incredible strength to survive, and Han was no exception.

Suddenly, Han's right arm began to turn black, the pitch black color, as deep as the endless night sky.

Dark Fist!

Rumble~

The huge impacts of his punch made the entire floating tower tremble!

Han's Dark Fist's target was no other but the alloy floor under his feet.

In other words, he decided to directly smash down the floating tower trapping him!

Waist down, exhausting all his strength, Han started continuously punching the ground!

Boom~

Boom~

Boom~

Han began to Dark Fist the floor beneath his feet like mad. He already calculated, the metal thickness of the walls and ceiling of

the floating tower didn't have any weaknesses. The only weaknesses were beneath his feet. That should be where the central control system was located.

Since this goddam floating tower and this goddam Level 7 Test were so unreasonable, then I might as well smash it to the ground!

Kill one million energy form enemies? Han couldn't do it.

That being the case, he might as well just destroy the system!

Boom~

Boom~

Every punch fully contained the powerful and twisting power of the darkness, and all one saw was the alloy floor beginning to bend and twist. As Han forced his power into a single point on the ground, a funnel like hole began to appear on the floating tower's floor, a twisted funnel.

The Heart of Darkness's power was very strange, Han accidentally activated this power because of his rage, and when the rage started burning inside the heart, darkness will creep in.

But now, Han had become thoroughly enraged! In addition, there was also his desperate desire to live!

This, no doubt, amplified the power from the Heart of Darkness!

Kacha~

Han chewed up a tenfold dose of nuclear energy pills.

“You and I are going to crash and burn!” Han grimaced, and shouted crazily.

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A-19 Extinction Domain, inside a valley.

Lance and Lan Feng were on their way to the giant floating tower. They were all curious about why dozens of vacant towers merged together as one and what was really happening inside this huge floating tower.

“Lance, look! Isn’t the tower a bit crooked now?” Lan Feng looked up at that giant thing in the sky and said while scratching his chin.

“How’s that possible? This is the trial field for the prehistoric civilization, it has an automatic suspension system. It’s very advanced... Wait, it does look a bit crooked, could there be something wrong inside the suspension system?” Lance looked up and he was startled. The gigantic tower in the sky did look a bit tilted to one side, and he could barely hear rumbling sounds from the inside too.

After a dozen more seconds...

“Lance, why do I feel like that tower is tilting even more?

“Ya it is, and it looks like it’s titling towards our side.”

“Lance, if you are right, then could the tower suddenly fall and hit us in the head?”

“Cut it, you crow mouth! Floating towers are after all an advanced design of the pre.... Oh shit! Run! This thing’s falling!”

Lance and Lan Feng were shocked and they started running right away.

That thing falling was made up of dozens of floating towers united as a whole. It’s diameter could easily cover hundreds of kilometers!

If such an enormous entity really fell from the sky, only god knows what would happen!

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Consequence?

How can the Han right now care about the consequence? He already decided to crash and burn with that damn system!

Rumble~

“You don’t want me to live, then let’s fight until either the fish dies or the net breaks!”

Rumble~

Rumble~

Rumble~

“Holy crap! Crash already! Crash already! Crash already!”

Han’s dark fist pummeled the floor like a hail storm. Right now, there was already a sunken pit of about a hundred meters in depth, but that was not enough to stop Han.

Han knew that the tower right now was beginning to tilt, but that was not Han’s ultimate goal, he won’t stop until this whole tower that was trapping him crashed to the ground!

Han’s frenzied attacks not only tilted the floating tower, it also led to very strange reactions. The soul enemies began flickering. They were energy forms built and supported by the system, and now that the system had been damaged to some extent, those souls

that were made from energy became extremely unstable.

Rumble~

Han landed another heavy punch on the alloy floor. Not knowing what was damaged this time, a series of sparks shot out of the pit, and soon the floating tower began to drop straight towards the ground. The interior began to experience zero-gravity due to the fast fall.

“Huh? Did I really succeed?” Han felt himself floating, and said to himself.

It must be known that the floating towers were able to stay up in the sky because of the magnetic suspension systems they installed at its bottom. Han smashed down at the bottom of the tower desperately, and after the floor sunk, he directly damaged the magnetic suspension system inside the floating tower.

Such a huge and heavy dangling tower, one out of balance, obviously will fall. After all, the prehistoric civilization designed this thing to carry out trials, not to get smashed by Han!

Shua~

A very serious question suddenly flashed inside Han's head.

Dozens of floating towers hitting the ground at the same time, can the ground bear the impact?

Just at that moment, the huge entity of several hundred kilometers in diameter already touched the ground, precisely, smashed into the ground.

Hong~

Chapter 92: Star Pierce Moon Slayer

Rumble~

Hundreds of kilometers in diameter, the united floating tower slammed right into the ground. The consequence of the collapse was at a devastating level. the Earth was shaking violently. Thousands of miles of road gullies appeared on the ground, the ocean in the distance went on a rampage with strong tsunamis sweeping over the coastline.

Whether they were human survivors or dark beasts, everyone was shocked by this huge disaster. Frightened, they all looked up at the distance where the giant tower lied.

It was like a mountain, a majestic steel mountain that was diagonally inserted in the ground.

Just when everyone on the outside was almost at the state of mental breakdown, Han, the one that initiated all this, surprisingly realized all the enemies formed from the energy had disappeared.

Perhaps the crash's shock waves caused the collapse of part of the test system. In short, the inside of the floating tower became silent and dark again.

Han struggled as he got up. The impact of the crash also made Han suffer a certain degree of damage, but fortunately the floating tower's robust exterior protected him. All he felt was the severe

turbulence.

“Now, how do I get out of here?” Han checked his body and thought.

He didn't know if his laser cannon could break through the thick alloy shell of the tower.

Laser weapons were accurate, strong in terms of heat and degree of impact. However, penetration wasn't its strong suit, especially for this type of small portable laser weapon. It was simply too difficult to deal with such a thick alloy wall. Maybe only the laser cannons equipped on giant battleships could be enough.

Just when Han was thinking, the screen that had always been giving Han instructions appeared again, flickering on and off.

The reason for the flickering should be because the auxiliary system was also subject to a certain degree of damage, but since the projection screen can still operate, it meant that the whole floating tower system wasn't completely destroyed.

“Advanced Killing Machine Test, Passed!”

Seeing the flashing text, Han was very surprised. After the system was destroyed it actually defaulted Han to pass the test!

All Han thought about was survival, he didn't expect this outcome.

“Please select the reward for Beginner Killing Machine Test.”

As the screen changed, numerous dynamic holographic pictures with text appeared in front of Han.

Han realized his smashing method really smashed his way to pass the Level 7 Test!

This was really a big pleasant surprise! With Han's limit, the intermediate killing machine title was already the limit for him, but in the end, the Han that did not like to give up destroyed the system, and the system actually defaulted him to pass the last test!

“Great!” Han waved his fist, his excitement was palpable.

If Han was not mistaken, in the history of floating tower tests in the A-19, the best score achieved was passing Level 5 Test, but he passed Level 7. It was an unprecedented difficulty.

Shua~

A large number of reward items appeared in front of Han. Han packed up his excitement and began to carefully read through everything.

The reward for beginner killing machine title was a weapon, no exceptions. However, they didn't look too different from the ones being used by the Milky Way Alliance at the moment.

That was because that humans learned everything from the prehistoric civilization, including weapons. Forging a weapon to be used by espers was not an easy task. It involved complex alloy smelting and forging processes.

After all, an esper soldier's power was a lot more destructive than normal soldiers. Therefore, weapons designed for them needed to be strengthened repeatedly, and then adapted by the esper soldier's intensive use.

Although the style was the same, but these weapons left behind by the prehistoric domain was still significantly better in terms of quality. After all, the weapons obtained directly from the relic were original versions, and those forged by humans were knockoff versions. Of course there will be some gaps.

Han scratched his chin and found a weapon that he has never seen before. It was called the Star Pierce Moon Slayer. It was a composite type weapon, including one long and one short blade. The long one was called the Star Piercer, and the short one was called the Moon Slayer.

This type of weapon can be used when the two swords were combined, or he can take them apart and wield one in each hand. He could also combine both weapons' rear and use it as a bigger weapon.

One weapon, three ways to use, unmatched exquisite workmanship, unparalleled sharpness of the blades, as for the level

it was also the highest among all the weapons. The description showed 6 stars; it was designed for the use of a 6-star quasi-warlord.

In fact, humans really learned a lot from the prehistoric civilization, even the esper ranking level system was learned from them.

“This one then.” Han tapped on the screen.

Ka~

Then, a traction beam emerged and slowly handed the Star Pierce Moon Slayer to Han’s side.

Next was the reward for medium killing machine title, and this time they were all combat suits. In terms of materials, they used high-strength fibers or metal fibers, soft metals, etc., as for the level of these battle suits, they were all 7 stars, which means that they were all built for beginner level warlords!

“Warlord level combat suit!”

Han’s eyes suddenly lit up. His Black Kylin Combat suit had a torn up right arm and it was covered in scratches. Because there weren’t better alternatives, Han was stuck with it. Now he really needed a higher level combat suit, and Warlord level combat suits simply couldn’t be bought on the market, unless you had a powerful relationship network.

It was in Han's nature to like things that were unique, so he picked a battle suit called Elliptical Matrix.

Elliptical Matrix was a very interesting combat suit. It has no edges, with instead, a purely curved design, black. It also used nano-coating on the exterior which allowed it to produce little to no friction.

In simple terms, Elliptical Matrix was as slippery as a roach. Any enemy's fist hitting it will have its strength be relieved by the combat suit's oval design and slippery surface. It was also difficult to catch people that were in an Elliptical Matrix suit.

The Void End could deprive enemies of their ability, so Han didn't really care about how fancy their abilities are. He was just scared of siege battles, getting surrounded by melee or mobility type espers.

Once he had the Elliptical Matrix, the enemy's physical attack on Han will be greatly reduced, this feature was simply tailored for Han.

Soon, the traction beam sent Elliptical Matrix into Han's hand. Soon followed was the reward for Advanced Killing Machine title, and this time they were all blueprints.

Blueprints were not really drawings, but a large database on design and manufacture stored inside a disc.

In the Milky Way, there were little existences that were more valuable than blueprints. For example, for a frigate battleship that was sold at \$1 billion, it will cost at least one thousand times that price to acquire that frigate's design, and that was one hundred billion GC!

And blueprints had no copy features. It was the basis of all industrial technology, from suspended motorcycle to a huge planetary level space base. They all needed a blueprint in order to be made.

The reward for passing the advanced killing machine test was a frigate level battleship's blueprint. Inside the relic, all the combat suits and weapons will be owned by espers, but all blueprints must be handed to the Alliance once this exploration event ends.

Since it will be turned over anyways, Han didn't really read carefully. According to his habit, he chose the most bizarre looking ship's blueprint again.

For Han, handing in blueprints meant contribution scores, and it was an important factor when ranking the survivors at the end. Han could only hand over the valuable blueprint, then say a sentence about not wanting Earth to be colonized by Sally Empire, then those big bosses at the Alliance will nod.

Otherwise, for an insignificant character like Han, how much will his words be weight? Last time, Ke Lake helped Earth avoid the fate of being colonized, and it was exchanged with countless priceless goods from the Extinction Domain.

Now that Han got these three babies in his hand, excluding the blueprint that he was going to hand in, this 6-star weapon and 7-star combat suit were both priceless treasures, Han was very content and he was planning to leave.

At that moment, the system gave out its fourth reward, Special Guest Reward.

This time, the system didn't let Han choose, but directly sent it to his side.

Chapter 93: Lunar Mark

Han was very puzzled because the beam didn't send him anything, didn't the system say there was a special guest gift? Could it be a system error?

Just as Han was thinking, the display lit up again. On top was written, "Passed three tests consecutively, won the Title of Advanced Killing Machine, special reward: Lunar Mark, one, hidden dimension storage tool, one thousand cubic meters of storage space, completely DNA binding, activates on thought."

Han was suddenly shocked.

These words meant, because he passed all three tests, the system rewarded him this thing called a Lunar Mark that can only be used by him?

The key feature of it was that its storage space was one thousand cubic meters?

In the Milky Way, an one cubic meter storage ring could be sold for 50 million GC, and a storage ring of 10 cubic meters was worth at least 700 million!

How much was a one thousand cubic meters' storage tool worth? Han was not sure, because such an advanced storage tool couldn't be bought! Even if it could be, it would be valued over one hundred billion GC right?

Moreover, the Lunar Mark was hidden. Han couldn't see it because it was still in stealth mode and it hasn't made its appearance yet.

“Lunar Mark?” Han thought.

Shua~

All he saw was a silver necklace in front of him with a forefront ornament.

Han quickly grabbed the Lunar Mark. Its texture was cool and smooth. He gently touched that black dimensional storm, and saw the enormous space inside! One thousand cubic meters! It could only be more, not less!

“Stealth.”

Han wore the Lunar Mark on his neck, and commanded it in his heart to be invisible.

Then, what silver necklace? The only thing left on his neck was the necklace that his mother left him.

Han was way too excited, this necklace was too awesome, not only does it have a huge storage space, it could also become invisible?

That meant, even if he filled it up with all the goodies he found in the relic and got out, he wouldn't be caught by the Alliance because, after all, the Lunar Mark couldn't be seen or touched. It had already bonded with Han's DNA, which meant that it will only be opened upon summoning.

A large risk usually meant a larger reward. Han got 4 treasures in one swoop inside this Level 7 Trial field. Its total value was at least over two hundred billion GC! If Han can get out of here alive, he will be rich!

Kacha~

The gate that sealed the floating tower opened up. Han thought about it and decided to put on the Elliptical Matrix combat suit he just got, and put the Star Pierce Moon Slayer on his back. He then packed up his blueprint and strode out.

The scene outside surprised Han. Cracked ground, the earth was covered with bottomless ravines, huge mountains completely shattered by the huge tower. The whole scene was as tragic as if there had just been a world war.

“Han!”

Suddenly, he heard a familiar voice calling him.

Han turned around. It turned out to be Lan Feng. He was still

wearing his glasses on his familiar white face, but right now he looked like a mess. His body was covered by dirt with lots of sand in his hair.

Lan Feng ran down over to him in one breath, pointed at that huge united tower and said, “Did you do this?”

Han frowned, “Probably, why are you here too?”

Sigh~

Lan Feng sighed and said, “Of course I was forced by my family. I said I don’t want to be a soldier, my parents said that I was a good for nothing and embarrassed our ancestors. Now look at me, I’m trapped inside the relic and they think I’m probably dead, now they should be crying right? If they had known, they probably wouldn’t have sent me.”

“Oh right, let me introduce a friend to you. Landis Mulin Lamu, come out, Han’s not a stranger.”

“Don’t call me by my full name!”

Lance gave Lan Feng a fierce stare, walked out of stealth and smiled at Han.

Lan Feng looked at Lance and looked at Han, surprised, “So you two have already met?”

Han laughed and said, “Yes, we met once right outside of the dark hall. How are you?”

Lance pouted, “I’m okay, could’ve been better if I didn’t almost get smashed in the head by that giant tower. Just what were you doing? How did you get that big thing fall to the ground? Lucky that we are both fast runners, otherwise we don’t even be talking to you right now.”

Han was reluctant to reveal too much, so he simply said, “It was just a trial, I don’t even know why this thing fell to the ground while I was in it.”

Lance looked around, and said in a deep voice, “We shouldn’t stay here for too long, what just happened will probably attract over some dark beasts. We must leave here first and talk after we get to somewhere safe.”

Lan Feng and Han both nodded.

Suddenly, at the corner of his eyes, Han saw a golden flower growing on something black. No matter how he looked at it, it looks like the dark fusion beast’s remains that he buried earlier. Due to the impact of that huge tower falling from the sky, the Earth Claw’s buried remains came back to the surface of the ground again.

“Give me one minute.” Han said in a deep voice.

He rushed over, picked up the Earth Claw's remain with his two hands and carefully observed.

After dark fusion beasts die, they will turn into a ball of soft genetic material, but why is there a strange golden flower blooming on it? Han didn't know, but the weight of the Earth Claw's remains seemed to have increased a bit, and the middle felt pretty hard.

With great curiosity, Han gently broke apart this piece of genetic material, and saw a stone. It was black in color, inlaid with gold patterns and was very beautiful. When put under the nose, the stone even had a fragrance.

Han didn't discriminate against dark fusion beasts, the Earth Claw used his short life span and saved Han before. If it wasn't for him, Han would have probably died already in the belly of a dark beast. Or multiple dark beasts.

Thinking for a bit, Han took the stone into the storage ring and buried the rest of the Earth Claw back down into the soil.

"Han was that guy you mentioned that brought a dark fusion beast onto the battlefield?" Lan Feng saw Lance squinting his eyes and looking at Han, so he asked out of curiosity.

"Yep, we also said that if we both survive we will team up. According to my observation, he's much more reliable than you because he's a true warrior, and you are more like a poet." Lance

said as he watched Han bury the Earth Claw.

Lan Feng pointed at the huge united tower and said, “He even brought this thing down from the sky, broke the system, and you say he’s reliable?”

Uh~

Lance was speechless for a moment. That’s true, although Han’s speech gave off a feeling of reliability, his actions weren’t that reliable. He used dark fusion beasts and he even brought down the tower. Just what does he have against laws and rules...

AWOOOO~

Suddenly, a shrill roar came from the distance, Lance suddenly hesitated and shouted, “Hurry, it’s a dark beast herd.”

Then, he laid on the floor with his ears close the ground.

Rumble~

Rumble~

The earth was slightly trembling. Lance’s face became pale; the quantity of dark beasts was probably at least one million.

So, all three of them ran right away. Lance apparently received scout training before so he led the way in front, and Han and Lan Feng closely followed him.

Although Lan Feng was wearing glasses and was a very sentimental guy, his running speed was actually faster than Han. During the pressure exam, Han accidentally found out about Lan Feng's level, a pinnacle 5-star esper who was very close to 6-stars. He is for sure one of the few absolute geniuses in the Milky Way, but unfortunately his personality didn't make him suitable to be a soldier.

As for Lance, Han didn't know what level this stealth type esper was, probably not worse than Lan Feng. In the case where the vast majority of people were already dead, the survivors were obviously top-notch talents.

Han looked back. The herd of dark beasts really appeared. It was like a black tsunami that swooped through the valley and the desert towards them. Obviously, these monsters had found them, and began their chase!

Dark beast was just a general term. In fact, these monsters were divided into many types, some were like two-headed wolves, some were like the hybrid of a lion and cheetah, these were all produced from the gene factory by extracting genetic information of ferocious species in the Milky Way.

Perhaps the dark beast technology used by the prehistoric civilization still had some defects. These monsters all had no hair, black bare skin, with a creepy reflection shining under the sun

light.

The gap was getting smaller, and Han could even hear the gasping sounds of those dark beasts.

Millions of dark beasts! Han knew clearly, just the three of them alone won't be the opponent of that many dark beasts.

Just at this extremely critical moment, something strange surged!

Lance suddenly stopped, turned pale and shouted at Han and Lan Feng, "There's no road in front of us! It's a bottomless ditch!"

"Jump! Jump! Jump!" Han shouted, "Even if we die from the fall, our dead body will still be in one piece rather than be chewed up and digested!"

Sigh!

Lance anxiously stomped his foot, closed his eyes and jumped forward.

Right after he jumped, Lan Feng and Han also arrived, the two suddenly became dumbfounded, what kind of ditch is he talking about! It's a f**king abyss!

It's pitch black, who knows how deep it was!

“The fall will kill us!”

“Still better than getting chewed to death!”

Han didn't even give Lan Feng a chance to reply, he grabbed him by the neck and both of them jumped!

Shua~

Chapter 94: The Helpless Earth

Plop~

Plop~

Plop~

No one knew how long they've spent in darkness before Han and the other two fell into icy water.

“You guys okay?”

“I'm fine, Lan Feng?”

“I'm here, are you guys okay?”

When the three men stuck their heads out of the water, the first thing they did was ask each other if they were safe. That warmed Han's heart, at least Lance and Lan Feng were not those kind of self-serving soldiers. Now under this situation, they needed to rely on each other in order to make it out of this crazy A-19 Relic alive.

Shua~

A phantom-like white arm appeared from the bottom of the lake. Looks like that was Lan Feng's power, he could summon an arm out of thin air to salvage his glasses.

Han saw Lan Feng using his phantom arm to pick up his glasses and was surprised, “You are a Fantasy descent esper?”

Lan Feng explained like it was not a big deal, “Yep, my power is called Phantom Seeker, it has an okay combat strength. Otherwise, my parents wouldn’t have forced me to become a soldier.”

Han knew, Lan Fen was for sure being modest.

Fantasy descents were divided into two categories. One was virtual and one was real. Virtual fantasy was like a movie, it can be seen but not felt, and Lan Feng’s power was clearly the higher level real fantasy type. The phantom arm he summoned looks like a mirage but it can be used to easily strangle the enemy.

On the side, Lance interrupted, “It seems that we are lucky, those dark beasts didn’t follow us and jump, and I thought that they would desperately come down with us.

Han’s eyes were grave, he shook his head and said in a deep voice, “I don’t think this is lucky, maybe those dark beasts knew how scary it is down here so they didn’t dare to jump.”

“It can’t be, right? There’s still something that they dark beasts are scared of?” Lance felt that Han’s words were a bit terrifying so he showed a little disbelief.

“Shhh, there seems to be a light coming over.” Han suddenly

raised his eyes and said to Lance and Lan Feng.

They just saw a little dot of light, weak like a firefly, slowly approaching them.

“It’s just a little thing, probably a fly.” Lan Feng gently touched his dimensional storage ring, took out a compound light stick, gently bent it, and threw it towards the little light source.

Shua~

The light stick was activated, the light gradually strengthened, and shortly the lake and the underground world lit were illuminated.

When Han and the other two took a look at that “firefly”, they were about cry....

What firefly! It was a huge fish with a blob of fat on its head. Aside from that blob of fat, the rest of its body was pitch black. Its teeth were all randomly grown out of its mouth, and each tooth was at least half a meter long and sharper than blade.

“Oh shit, it’s a monster fish!” Lan Feng shrunk his head and said.

“Wrong, it’s not just one, but a school.” Han’s eyes coldly scanned around and said in a deep voice.

Inside the dark icy lake, countless light dots were swarming in, like stars in the sky.

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Miracle System, 4th Star.

Relic Exploration was one of the routine activities at every Milky Way Meet, and what was more important was the executive summit that was being participated by the representatives of the 13 thousand human countries in Milky Way.

The Milky Way's Executive Summit was also held for 30 days. After the soldiers return from the relic, the summit just finishes too. At that time, a great feast will be held to celebrate the victorious return of the soldiers and also a successful summit of the executives.

After that would be the general assembly and distribution phase. The soldiers that successful return from the extinction domain will be rewarded according to their contribution, and those treasures they handed in to the Alliance will be distributed among the powerful countries.

Although it was one of the biggest events in the Milky Way, this year it was a bit grey due to the tragedy happening in the A-19.

As of today, the number of survivors had fallen below one thousand. It was a casualty rate of over 99% and was without

question a disaster that will affect the entire Milky Way Galaxy.

But existences like politicians were extremely stone-hearted. Although on various occasions, when facing with the news media, the head politicians in various countries all act as if they are under extreme pain, and those with good acting can even cover their face with tears.

Then, turning their face over, these politicians began to fight for their own interests during the summit again. To them, young people can be fostered again, but gains are something they must fight for.

Conspiracy, secret operations, the most cunning politicians were all gathered together at the Milky Way Meet. You can imagine how dark this meeting was going to be. Politicians can just move their lips a few times, and they can decide the life and death of billions of civilians. Technology, weapons, people, territory, none of them couldn't be traded for in the eyes of a politician, nor is there anything that can stop them from trading it.

The young soldiers inside the A-19 extinction domain were still struggling, but the Milky Way Meet was already being held in accordance with the established schedule. Everyday, at that luxurious and huge conference, countless trades were being performed.

Earth, as one of the weakest countries in the Milky Way Galaxy, didn't have the right to vote, nor have the right to any shares of the loot from the relic. All they do is send a representative to sit in the corner.

The Prime Minister of Earth Pan Yulin was especially tense today. He sat in the corner and from time to time he would wipe the sweat off his forehead with a handkerchief. Secretary Rhodes who came with him had his fists clenched tightly since the beginning of the meeting, and his hands had turned numb ages ago.

Today was the key moment that decided the fate of Earth. The Sally Empire proposed to colonize Earth, and if no accidents happened today, the Milky Way Alliance will discuss the issue and cast a vote on this issue.

“Prime Minister, do not stress, we had visited more than 300 delegates, and even if 30% of the delegates support us, then we will have about 100 votes, and the Alliance will consider our request.” Secretary Rhodes whispered beside Pan Yulin’s ears.

Sigh~

Pan Yulin sighed and said, “I don’t dream about 30%, if there can be even 20 I will be extremely thankful.”

Rhodes quickly said, “Prime Minister, don’t worry, reason is not on the side of Sally Empire, directly reallocating the control of a country to another country as a colony. Earth did not do anything wrong, how can they be that unreasonable?”

Pan Yulin lightly nodded but didn’t say anything.

Reason was what he is relying on the most, he felt that the Alliance wouldn't be unreasonable, right?

Earth had always been living a peaceful life on its own. Although poor, it did not ask for any subsidies from the Alliance. If such a low-key and cautious country was going to be colonized, then there really isn't any justice.

Ever since coming here, Pan Yulin and his team has been running around day and night, visiting all the politicians that they could talk to. They had been treated with courtesy, but they had also been directly kicked out before. For the sake of Earth, Pan Yulin and the diplomatic team had no complaints, even when people curse in front of their face, Pan Yulin still kept a smile on his face.

In order for the people on Earth to continue to live freely, Pan Yulin was willing to put up with all of that.

Today is the moment that decides the fate.

The summit for over 13 thousand countries, there were many issues so everything processed quickly.

Finally, the anchor of today's summit, Prime Minister Pastore from Gainlead Republic, said in a deep voice, "End of last topic, Macaron Empire must return Jim Gill Federation the 13 cargo ships, otherwise the Alliance will apply economic sanctions to the Macaron Empire. This decision is final, no appeal."

“The next topic is, Alliance Member Sally Empire propose to colonize Observer Member Earth, please see document B517 for details.”

“In this document, Sally Empire listed 29 evidences that Earth, as a sovereign country, is too weak, among the last 100 places in the entire Milky Way.”

“But does Sally Empire have sufficient reason to accept Earth as a colony? This question needs the careful consideration of delegates. If there’s something you want to say, please press the button in front of you.”

Right after Pastore finished, beside him, also a presentative from the 12 Permanent Managing Member countries, Prime Minister Mode of the Ganges Republic asked to speak.

Pastore smiled and asked, “Prime Minister Mode, do you want to say something about this matter?”

Mode nodded lightly.

He showed no emotion on his face and said in a deep voice, “On behalf of the Gange Republic, I support Sally Empire’s proposal. Earth Federation is incompetent, unworthy as a sovereign country to stay in the Alliance.”

Wooo~

Mode just said the sentence, and the huge summit hall began to discuss quietly, and there was not a second person that asked to talk.

Pastore sighed, and shook his head slightly.

The 12 Permanent Management Members of the Alliance were too powerful. Usually they don't participate in such a small proposal, but Mode opened his mouth today so the proposal was basically nailed down.

The other permanent members wouldn't think it was worth it to offend a country of the same level just to protect a small planet, and lower grade countries obviously wouldn't dare to offend a giant like Ganges so they didn't dare to say anything.

Pastore looked as usual and said, "Since no one else has comment, then we will immediately vote. Representatives that are against this proposal, please press the signal light in front of you and justify your objection. If unopposed, then the sovereign power of Earth will be handed to the Sally Empire after the meeting, and at the same time cancel all rights and obligations Earth Federation has at the Alliance."

Voice down, the hall was silent.

Pan Yulin's eyes gazed at the lights behind the podium.

The number was zero.

After three seconds, the number of countries opposed to the proposal, is still zero.

Pan Yulin felt like his heart is being grinded up like ground meat.

He did that much work, begged so many people, and spent all the money Earth had saved through living frugally to buy generous gifts for those big figures he thought could help Earth.

But when it came down to the crucial moment of the vote, there's not a single person that supports Earth?!

Not even one!

Gengci~

Pan Yulin was very angry, and a mouthful of blood sprayed out of his mouth.

Chapter 95: Underground Cemetery

Pastore's eyes scanned the audience from the podium, and said lightly, "Since there is no objection, then this matter is decided, Earth Federation from now will be transferred under the jurisdiction of Sally Empire as a colony."

"Wait!" Shouted Pan Yulin from the corner.

He stood up, took the handkerchief Rhodes delivered to him and wiped off the blood at the corner of his mouth. Everyone almost all looked over to him at the same time. Many people had sympathetic eyes, but they were still afraid to stand out for Earth against the powerful Ganges Republic.

The presiding Pastore was slightly dissatisfied, and said in a deep voice, "Who is disturbing the proceedings of the summit?"

Pan Yulin said, "Alliance's 57th Star Region, Earth Federation Prime Minister Pan Yulin. I disagree with the resolution of the Alliance!"

Just as he finished, everyone heard Sally Empire's Chancellery Levi sneering, "The constitution law already states that observer member countries don't have the right to speak or vote, so you are not qualified to talk here!"

Pan Yulin spoke loudly, "There are 15 billion inhabitants on Earth, and I'm not even qualified to represent them?!"

Pan Yulin's anxious eyes became red. His face grim. Pastore slightly sympathized with him and was also afraid that Pan Yulin would really have a heart attack or something at the meeting, making it awkward for everyone, so he said in a deep voice, "You are allowed to speak, but keep it short and pick only the important points."

Pan Yulin nodded and said, "I just want to make three points. First, we, the Earth Federation, advocates freedom! To force us to join the Sally Empire and become its colony, no one on Earth will agree!"

Prime Minister Mode of the Republic of the Ganges, who sat on the podium, coldly said, "Observer Member countries don't have voting rights. This is the Alliance charter, which you earthlings have signed before. The Alliance wants the tiny Earth to join Sally Empire because of the overall picture. After all, with your puny strength, it will be very hard for Earth to survive in the Milky Way. The voting result is the final resolution of the Alliance, your protest is invalid!"

Woooo~

Quiet discussions began again. No one knew how many benefits the Sally Empire gave to the Ganges Republic, but it seems that this time the Ganges has decided to help Sally Empire take over Earth. Unfortunately for Pan Yulin, he spared no effort for the sake of Earth, but to encounter a powerful figure like Mode, it was no different then striking a rock as an egg. He can only consider it bad luck...

Pan Yulin gritted his teeth, tried his best to calm his grief at that moment and continued, “Second, the exploration of the relic isn’t over yet. We still have an elite fighter on the battlefield, if you want to talk about this issue, we should at least wait for the return of that soldier!”

“What a joke!” Sally Empire’s Chancellery Levi sneered again, “You guys are at least a sovereign country, but you only have one soldier qualified for the event! That’s enough to show how incompetent Earth is! I wasn’t going to make fun of you on that, and you actually brought it up yourself, do you have any sense of shame?”

“The relic has only been opened for five days, and the casualty rate is already high at 99%. That means there are less than 1000 survivors, so what makes you think that your soldier can come out alive?”

Just as his voice faded, Mode followed, “Even if your soldier makes it out alive, so what? Last time the Alliance didn’t pass the proposal to colonize Earth because Ke Lake from your planet made a huge contribution to the Alliance, you must remember that!”

Mode and Levi echoed each other, working together to strangle Pan Yulin’s argument.

Pan Yulin’s face could not be more pale. He knew clearly that this time, Earth was probably doomed, so he gritted his teeth and said, “Third, our planet Earth has a B-class domain! According to the

Constitution, countries that can explore B-class relics automatically gain the identity of a Member country of the Alliance!”

“If after the exploration event ends, Han couldn’t make it out of the relic, then Earth Federation will open the B-class extinction domain itself, in order to prove it worthy as a Member country and a free sovereign country!”

Woo~

All the representatives present began whispering. Earth had an unopened B-class domain, only a few countries knew that, and it is still the first time for the majority members to hear that a small planet like Earth actually has a B-class domain.

“No wonder the Ganges Republic and Sally Empire are that aggressive and determined to colonize Earth.”

“Yep, B-class relics are divided into many types. If the one on Earth belongs to the more valuable types, then that is a huge fortune.”

“Looks like this representative of Earth was really forced into a corner, he even revealed their B-class relic to the public, that’s equal to hanging himself on fire. That way, not only the Sally Empire wants Earth, there will be more countries that will start acting in secret.”

“Sigh, with the current power of Earth, forcefully activating the B-class relic is like suiciding. If a herd of dark beasts get out of the relic, then their whole planet will be in trouble.”

“Wouldn’t that be better? If the people on Earth are all killed by the roaming dark beasts, then the planet will be easily occupied by other countries and they won’t even have to be responsible for those inhabitants on Earth.”

The politicians at the scene were busy discussing, who didn’t like a B-class relic? Among the 6 thousand Member Countries, only a few had B-class relics. If Earth could actually explore that relic, not to mention upgrading from Observer to Member country, Earth might even upgrade to the level of Temporary Management country.

But, the consequence of Pan Yulin’s desperate attempt was obvious. Now, not only Ganges and Sally, even more big countries began eyeing Earth.

Pan Yulin, as the Prime Minister of Earth, obviously knew the risks associated with revealing this to the public, but he really had no other way. If the meeting didn’t go well, then he will forcefully activate the B-class domain. That plan was made before he left for this Meet.

Levi’s face began to look kind of bad. They didn’t expect Earth to still have a little tough bone, and they are even carrying out that trick to let either the fish die or the net breaks. (TL: so both Earth and Sally Empire doesn’t get the B-class relic because other stronger countries will join the battle for Earth.)

Mode sneered and gave Levi a signal, the meaning was clear, “If Earth opened the B-class relic, then they are dead. If they don’t, they will be the prey of other strong countries so they are still dead. Either way, don’t worry, Earth is doomed.”

Pastore, the man presiding the summit slightly frowned and said in a deep voice, “Earth has a B-class relic? You should have mentioned it earlier. Now that the voting phase have been completed, the results cannot be easily overturned. After the end of the Exploration event, if your soldier can’t make enough contributions to the Alliance, then Earth will still be transferred to Sally Empire as a colony.” “I have decided, to postpone the vote until after the end of the Extinction Domain exploration event. If there are no comments, we will move on to the next issue.”

Plop~

Pan Yulin sat back down in his corner position, his brain was completely blank.

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In the A-19 Extinction Domain.

After several consecutive hours of tough battles, the school of monster fish finally got eliminated by Han and the other two. They finally climbed onto the shore, and all of them were breathing heavily.

“Han. Your Dark Fist is really powerful, those strange fish all died in one punch. There isn’t even any remains left.” Lan Feng put back on his glasses and said.

Han said, “Don’t say that, both of you guys did more. Lance diverted a portion of the monsters, and you have a very strong control power and dragged all those fish out of the water one by one and sent them towards me. If it wasn’t for you guys, the battle would not have ended so smoothly.”

Lance is an outspoken person, he waved his hand and said, “Let’s not flatter each other, it’s fortunate that our abilities are complementary, Lan Feng is good with control, I can stealth and move, and you have a good attack. We should use our combos and get out of this place.”

Han nodded, battle was the best thing that improve the relationship between soldiers. Through continuous fighting, the three of them now have the initial trust and cooperation, and in this kind of strange and extremely dangerous environment, it was better to have a companion than to be roaming around by oneself.

“You are right, it’s not good to stay by the lake any longer, maybe there might be other monsters staring at us right now. We should leave this place first.” Han said in a deep voice.

So, Lance stealthed himself and led the way while Lan Feng and Han followed. The three left the dangerous underground lake, and began to advance towards the front where it was more open using

light sticks to illuminate the road.

The vacant land was underground, very open. Above was a bluestone dome and on the ground was many decadent weapons.

Kacha~

Han felt he crushed something under his feet. He quickly ducked his body to look, it seems like there was a small hill of soil beside every weapon that was stuck on the ground. Looking closely, inside every hill lied a skeleton. Han accidentally stepped on the head of a skeleton which broke the skull.

Han looked around. Under each weapon was a body, does that mean, this is a cemetery?

Chapter 96: Condensed Crystal

A cemetery?

Who was buried here?

Han lowered his head while he curiously clawed open the soil. The crushed skull of a being was completely revealed. The white skull had already turned yellow due to the passage of time, and with a little force the bone could be broken.

Han dug out a walnut-sized crystal from the skull with a transparent color, kind of like an inheritance power crystal but a bit bigger.

On the other side, Lan Feng also dug out a complete skeleton, and then he smiled and said, “Oh, this is the cemetery of the prehistoric civilization. These people are prehistoric beings.”

Han was surprised and asked, “Prehistoric beings? How do you know?”

Lan Feng didn't hesitate, he twisted the skull off the skeleton, pointed at the forehead area and said to Han, “Look here, the mankind that established the prehistoric civilization. The forehead on their skull is not complete. There is a crack, which is the most significant sign of prehistoric beings. Other than that, prehistoric mankind is commonly taller than us, and they also have higher brain volume, so their IQ is probably above us.”

Han was quite surprised, as a novice in Milky Way, Han's knowledge was limited. What Lan Feng was saying was something Han had never heard before.

At this moment, Lance also said, "After all, Lan Feng is from a family with a big background, this guy is very knowledgeable. He's right, the race that established the prehistoric civilization is very similar to us, it's just that there's a crack on their forehead. We can get into the prehistoric civilization's extinction domain and also be able to participate in the trials set up by them, it's all because the system couldn't distinguish between us and the prehistoric mankind, and from this we can see that our physical structure is very similar."

"There were thousands of corpses buried here, these should be prehistoric soldiers who died from trials. They were buried here after they died, and these should be weapons used by them at that time."

Han slightly frowned. He showed the crystal he found to Lan Feng and Lance, and asked in curiosity, "Is this thing an inheritance power crystal?"

Kacha~

Lan Feng also crushed a skull, from which he also took out a transparent crystal and said, "This is the product of the condensed zero-degree brain region after the prehistoric beings die, which is said to contain source energy and a lot of other random things.

Some radical scientists can use this thing to improve beginner espers' source energy, but that's an illegal activity which was long banned by the association. If you sell these condensed crystals to those crazy scientists, you can get some money, but otherwise it's useless."

After he finished, Lan Feng was about to throw away that piece of condensed crystal, so Han quickly grabbed that crystal from Lan Feng's hand and stuffed it into the dimensional ring.

"Hey, don't throw it away man, didn't you say it can be sold for money?"

Lan Feng blinked and said like it's not a big deal, "Condensed crystals aren't worth much, it's just something like 2 or 3 million GC, that's all. And this stuff is also illegal."

Just 2 or 3 million GC?!

Han really want to give Lan Feng a few punches. These kids from big rich families were really incomprehensible. Now thinking back, originally, just in order to make a few GC, Han had to work on the dark net day and night with barely any sleep. Han looked at Lan Feng. A few million GC can be this readily discarded...

Without further actions, Han began to claw one grave after another to collect those condensed crystals, and also conveniently collecting all those weapons that were plugged on the graves.

“Why are you guys just standing there? Why not hurry over and help?” Han yelled at Lan Feng and Lance, “Help me collect all those condensed crystals and useable weapons.”

Lan Feng and Lance just stared at each other. Lance then took a look at the cemetery and frowned, “There are at least tens of thousands of graves, it’s too much of a waste of time right?”

Lan Feng sighed, crouched down, pulled out a head out of the soil, crushed it, took out the condensed crystal, and then said in a deep voice, “Landis Mulin Lamu, if you got time to chat you might as well do some work. Han is a very stubborn, you won’t be able to convince him.”

“Don’t call me by my full name!” Lance growled again, his face turned dark as he pulled out a skeleton with a bored face.

“Why is it that Lance gets angry every time you call him by his full name?” Han was puzzled. Although he whispered, it was still heard by Lance.

Pouting his mouth, Lance said quietly, “My last name is Landis, my whole family are assassins, we have an okay reputation.”

Lan Feng started laughing and said. “Han’s not an outside anymore, you don’t have to hide it from Han anymore. Who doesn’t know your Landis family are the kings of assassinations. As for reputation, it might be a bit too much to say it’s notorious, but it’s true that only a few people aren’t afraid of your Landis clan.”

Ka~

Lance got a bit excited after hearing that, the skull inside his hand was crushed into powder.

Perhaps he also felt that he was over reacting a bit, Lance stood up and said in a deep voice, “I am me, my family is my family, we are not the same. You guys stay here; I will go scout the nearby area.”

Hua~

After he finished, Lance’s figure disappeared into the darkness. His stealth ability not only could protect himself, but also produce the element of surprise, and that made Han feel a sense of awe.

Lan Feng sighed and said, “Lance’s family is very dark. As long as you pay, the Landis clan will kill anyone. They are famous for recognizing nothing but money. As the only one different in the family, Lance’s life is quite hard.”

Han nodded, not everyone is capable of working as a killer. To cultivate someone to become a killer, one must first devoid him of humanity. If Lance’s whole family were assassins, then he would certainly have some psychological problems, growing up in that environment.”

“Hey man, how much longer will we need to dig all these graves?” After Lan Feng dug out a few corpses, he looked around a

little discouragingly and said, “I guess I will just use my power.”

Shua~

Han just saw Lan Feng put his palms together and muttered the words. “Phantom arm!”

Boom~

Suddenly, countless phantom arms appeared in the cemetery, quickly ripping away the soil layer, dragging out the corpse inside, crushing the skull to get the condensed crystal, and then collecting them along with the weapons that were stuck in the ground.

Lan Feng’s ability truly really magical, Han really wanted to know what else he could summon other than phantom arms. After all, espers with top tier powers all had their own secrets. If Lan Feng wanted to reveal something to Han, then he would naturally say it. But if he didn’t want to, then it was useless if Han asked.

Soon, Lan Feng helped Han collect those condensed crystals. The quantity was above 10 thousand, there were also 4000 weapons which are all top quality goods crafted by the prehistoric civilization.

“Over 10 thousand crystals, plus over 4000 weapons, that’s going to be at least 7 or 8 billion GC of value.” The poor boy Han happily said to himself.

Although he had already acquired more than 200 billion GC of fortune before, he still got very excited. After all, Han had been too poor for most of his life, right now he still cared about even 1 GC.

Obviously, a young master born from a rich family like Lan Feng wouldn't care about that money. However, he didn't know that Han had some other plans in mind.

When he heard that these condensed crystals could be used to improve esper soldier's power source index, he immediately got an idea. There were way too many low level espers on Earth. If he could bring back these crystals and give them to Night Walker for research, maybe he can help Earth build a legion that's even more high level. And as for those high level weapons, they were also urgently needed by Earth.

Just after Han and Lan Feng finished packing, Lance came back running. He pointed at the distance and said, "There is another strange place to go, there are a lot of skeletons of huge beasts. You guys should go check it out too."

Han and Lan Feng nodded and followed Lance.

Looking at the dark underground world and the cemetery which had already been turned into a mess by him, some questions began to surface inside Han. Soldiers' graves and huge beasts' skeletons, just what exactly is this place?

Chapter 97: Close To Gene Factory

Han and the other two didn't have to go far. After passing a U-shaped cave, the front suddenly opened up.

It was a vast underground world. Giant beast skeletons were poking out of the heavy layer of sand.

There were no complete set of skeletons, all the bones of those monsters were broken up and scattered randomly.

Although the skeletons were not complete, it was not hard to guess that, based on length of those white bones, that its owner were giants. One of the ribs exposed out of the sand being over thousands of meters.

Lan Feng frowned and said, "These are dark beasts."

Han was shocked and he asked surprisingly, "How do you know?"

Lan Feng approached a skeleton, pointed at the one short and one long forearm bones and said, "The prehistoric civilization were trying to achieve the limits of evolution, and the dark beasts were the best evidence. The so-called dark beasts, is actually just assembling many types of wild beasts, or even celestial beasts' genes together to achieve the best strengthening effect."

"So dark beasts' skeletons usually had asymmetric features. Like

these two forearms, one is razor-sharp, and one is giant and solid.”

“The reason for this is because the prehistoric beings installed two arms of different function, one arm is used to capture and the other arm is used to penetrate after the prey is captured.”

As Lan Feng spoke, he also did a demo, grabbing a rock with his right hand and then lightly did a cutting action with his left arm.

“Do you understand now? The prehistoric civilization doesn’t want symmetry but functionality. You already saw before, some dark beasts have two heads and some even had three. The prehistoric civilization designed them that way because with more heads, the beast can take care of all directions. And then if they continue to enhance its detection ability by installing a sonar exploration system like the one bats have, then it will be a very powerful scout-type dark beast.”

Han slightly nodded, “So you are saying, these giant beasts are also a type of dark beast. But why are they underground? Why didn’t we see them when we were still up on the surface?”

Lan Feng replied, “Maybe it’s because the difficulty was too great and the prehistoric civilization failed, so they abandoned these failed giant dark beast dead bodies here.”

Han smiled and said, “Lan Feng, you really know a lot. No wonder you have so many dreams, it’s actually because you know everything.”

Lance said on the side, “This guy is at least the young master of the Blue Celestial Lake family (TL: Lan Feng’s name directly translated is Blue Maple, which is under this family), there are at least 800 to 1000 teachers teaching him stuff ever since he was born, so I’m not surprised at all that Lan Feng knows that much.”

Lan Feng didn’t deny it, he simply shrugged his shoulders, looked at the endless sand hills underground, and said in a deep voice, “I have a bad feeling, we may have unconsciously gotten close to the gene factory.”

Shua~

Suddenly, Han and Lance’s face became pale.

There was a gene factory in every extinction domain, where the dark beasts were made. The reason why it was difficult for humans to explore extinction domains was because those gene factories.

And since the gene factory was where the dark beasts were made, it was very dangerous because no one knew what kinds of monsters were guarding there.

Lance looked very nervous, and he asked in a deep voice, “Lan Feng, you really think so?”

Lan Feng nodded, looked around at the skeletons of dark beasts around them and he said, “If I’m right, these skeletons are failed prototypes that were just thrown out of the factory, so right now

we shouldn't be too far away from the factory.”

“Analyzing from the beginning, Han was a bit too extreme when acting and made the united floating tower fall from the sky which broke open the earth. Due to being chased by the dark beasts, we jumped into the abyss and reached the deep underground where no one else had visited before. We ran into many unexplainable things. Based on the information I predict that we are not far away from the gene factory.”

“I read a lot of information on extinction domains. Every high level relic has a gene factory, and usually those factories are hidden very deep into the ground. And right now we are at least thousands of kilometers underground, and that is probably deep enough for us to encounter a factory.”

Lance and Han both nodded, and Han said, “Looks like from now on, we will have to be extra careful. Lance, you still scout for us like before, but you must leave me some signals, and if you are in any danger, Lan Feng and I will fully support you.”

“After all, we are already here at this strange and weird place, if we want to leave then we must move forward.”

Lance nodded heavily and said in a serious manner, “Understand, leave it to me.”

After realizing that they have been inadvertently approaching the core secret of A-19, Han and the other two became a lot more careful, and even their occasional chat on the road became a bit

depressed.

It took them 3 full days and nights to walk out of this underground desert where the dark beasts' skeletons were abandoned, and they arrived at a honeycomb-like rock wall.

On the black rock wall, there were countless caves connected to each other, like an endless maze.

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At the lake where Han and the other two were at three days ago.

Don't know from where but someone strange appeared. His entire body was tightly wrapped in linen, exposing only two black eyeballs, looking like an ascetic.

He walked into the water, and saw the dead body of those monster fish which were killed by Han and the other two.

Slightly shaking his head, the monk in sack cloths left the lake and arrived at the cemetery of those soldiers from the prehistoric civilization.

Looking ahead, the whole graveyard had been dug up into a mess, the soldiers' bones were all exposed to the air, skulls crushed with taken condensed crystals. Even those weapons that were stuck into the grave also disappeared without a trace.

“Thieves! Damn thieves!”

The ascetic monk looking guy in sack cloths, his whole body was trembling, and with a hoarse voice he shouted.

Then, he suddenly looked up, his eyes stared directly at the black stone dome, and a sharp yet shrill noise came straight out of his throat.

Ow ~

Ow ~

This noise didn't sound like something that could be produced from a human, but more like a cry from a devil in hell!

Two hours passed, and the sound of dark rapid footsteps began to approach.

It was a group of dark beasts, a group powerful to the extent of terrifying lone large dark beasts!

They were like raptor dinosaurs, but a lot more brutal. They were covered in an pangolin-like hard shell with its two front claws the same size as large sharp eagle talons. The two legs supporting its huge body were thick and powerful, and its mouth was split on both sides of the curvature, filled with fangs like

serrated steel.

Shua~

At least several thousands of the raptor dark beasts arrived to the side of that sackcloth-wearing strange man, raising their heads. Their black eyes speckled with coldness, like a well-trained army composed of dark beasts.

Pa~

The sackcloth-wearing strange man suddenly jumped up onto the back of one of the most muscular dark raptor beasts, raised his head again and let out another shrill cry.

Rumble~

The army of dark raptor beasts began running through the U-shaped cave, and arrived at the desert where the giant size dark beasts were abandoned.

More and more dark raptor beasts gathered, accumulating to over ten thousand in a very short time.

Wailing~

The strange man began to make that terrible rattling sound again, and this large dark army roared across the desert at an

incredible speed. It looked like within a few hours, they could catch up to Han and the other two.

“There’s a taste of darkness?”

“Did the King come too?”

“Why is the King with those humans?”

That strange man in the sack cloths shook his head as he mumbled to himself.

Pa~

He slapped his ride, that strongest dark raptor beast’s head, which made it cry out loud out of pain.

“This is very strange, chase harder!” He waved his arm and ordered.

Just for a moment, there was a black arm, skinny like a vine, yet sharp like a machete poking out from under the sack cloths.

Without a doubt, he’s not human.

Chapter 98: Earth's Decision And Han's Trouble

Earth, Nazca Wilderness, outside of a Mysterious underground gate.

After receiving the latest news from Pan Yulin, Li Yu was deeply worried. He took a walk outside for awhile and unknowingly came here.

Looking closely, he saw Long Chuan here as well. He drove his electric wheelchair here, and was smoking outside of that tightly sealed gate. There were already a dozen cigarette butts on the ground Apparently Long Chuan had been here for a long time.

Long Chuan looked around, and saw Li Yu too, he smiled and asked, "You are here too?"

Li Yu let out a sigh and said in deep voice, "Couldn't sleep, so I came here to take a look."

"You are a little worried about Han right?"

Li Yu didn't try to hide it at all and said, "A little? I'm worried to death. Although I really admire Han's powerful combat strength and a full body of tough bones, but his luck is really terrible. Ten years ago, Ke Lake went into A-7 and he made it out easily, but Han encountered an unprecedented disaster."

“In a blink of an eye, 100 thousand young talents were killed to leave only a few hundreds behind, and I’m really doubting if Han is among the list of that few hundred lucky survivors. And, there are also 20 something days left to the end of this exploration event, and that’s what’s killing me.”

“You?”

Long Chuan said, “I’m naturally worried for Han. After all, he’s the hope of Earth, and even half of my life was saved by him. But now, I’m more worried about Earth.”

“Now, whether Han makes it out of A-19 alive, there’s only one way left in front of us, and that is to forcefully open the B-class domain here.”

“I’ve been thinking, the two Valkyrie portraits on this door, what does it mean? Could it be a warning to remind us not to rush opening the gate?”

Li Yu did not speak as his eyes followed to where Long Chuan was looking at.

As the chief of the Extinction Domain Administration, Li Yu had led brothers and activated 2 D-class relics, one C-class relic, but those three relics’ entrance doors all had normal decorations.

But on this door was carved two angry gods of war, stepping on monsters’ bodies, and glaring angrily towards the outside of the

door, their eyes full of murderous intent.

Standing outside of the entrance at B-class relic, it felt as if one was tightly pinned down by the two gods, making one feel oppressed to even breath.

Most likely, this was a very dangerous relic filled with hidden dark secrets and limitless deadly traps. Opening it too hastily will probably bring a disaster to Earth.

In the Milky Way, when assessing the level of a relic, the Weimar ray was used. The Weimar probe would be installed outside of the door to detect the concentration of radiation inside the relic.

The higher the concentration meant the larger the area and more built structures.

According to the Milky Way's known records, although some were all B-class relics, there could be a big difference in terms of content. Some were not dangerous but some might be as fatal as an A-class relic.

Over all, the method used by human to assess the extinction domains was primitive. The rays could only tell humans about the scale of this relic but there was still no way to know the quantity of dark beasts or some other monsters inside the relic.

Just when Li Yu and Long Chuan fell into silence, someone else showed up outside of the door to the extinction domain again,

Talin.

Among the Big three, Talin's combat strength was ranked number two, between Li Yu and Long Chuan. Li Yu and Long Chuan were both passionate warriors, and Talin was the calmest one among the three and he was good at commanding the overall situation.

Long Chuan smiled, "Haha, of course we are old brothers, looks like we all thought of the same thing."

Talin didn't show any emotion on his face and said, "I have come here to convey the Earth Federation's executive resolution."

Li Yu said as if it's not a big deal, "It's just you that can remain calm and deal with politicians. What do they have to say this time?"

Although the Federal Esper Administration was one of the most powerful federal departments, but there are still other important sectors like the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Interior, Security, etc., as well as hundreds of upper and lower house members. Li Yu and Long Chuan were both soldiers and they hated to deal with politicians.

Talin looked at Li Yu and Long Chuan and said, "Although they are politicians, but don't forget, they are still born and raised on Earth, in terms of love for Earth, theirs is no less than us soldiers."

Long Chuan smiled and asked, “What did the Federal Executives say?”

Talin’s look became a bit cold and he said in a deep voice, “With immediate effect, Earth Federation’s Esper Administration becomes the federal supreme authority, to command the opening of relic and ward off foreign invaders and all activities related to the relic, not bound by any rule of law.”

Long Chuan was shocked for a moment and he said seriously, “So that means, Esper Administration’s legal capacity is now above the Prime Minister and the parliament?”

“Yes, both houses of parliament unanimously agreed, and immediately granted the Esper Administration absolute authority.” Talin turned around and started leaving while saying in a deep voice, “The only requirement for us is, rather die than become a slave.”

“Whether we want to forcefully open the B-class relic, or declare war against the Sally Empire, all Federal departments will fully support our decision. As long as the Earth Federation exists, Earth must be free! We absolutely won’t accept being colonized by other countries.”

“Let’s go, I will wait for you guys in the conference room, there are still a lot of work we need to do. To borrow Han’s words, although Earth is weak, we still got a few tough bones!”

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Miracle System, A-19, underground.

Aoao wailing~

“Did you guys hear? It’s that strange sound again.” Lan Feng said as his ears stood up.

Han frowned, this sound was first heard several hours before, and it was getting closer and closer. Such a shrill voice made Han and the other two very nervous.

“Lance, can we speed up?” Han asked Lance who was scouting the road ahead.

Lance didn’t exit his invisible form and just said, “Not even accelerate, I think we are already back at where we were earlier again, what the hell? This stupid place is like a maze!”

Han had to comfort him, “Don’t worry, we will remain calm!”

Rumble~

The sound was getting infinitely close. This maze-like cave was filled with noise and vibration.

Meanwhile, Han and the other two were trapped inside the maze, and the more anxious they were the more lost they got.

“The number is way too many, it will be an uphill battle.” Lan Feng frowned as he said to Han, “Judging by the sound it must be dark beasts, and it should be the more advanced species. We might be in some trouble.”

Han obviously know that a huge group of dark beasts were trying to kill them, but now that things have progressed to this stage, he really had no other way. Such a narrow path in the maze, there wasn't even a place to hide.

“Let's just go separately, that way even one of us surviving will be worth it!” Han gritted his teeth, and said in a deep voice, “If we are splitting, at least Lance with his stealth ability can make it out.”

Lan Feng hesitated for a second, and gently nodded his head.

Lance who had been running at the front lifted his stealth and loudly questioned, “What do you guys mean? Do I look like the type of person that will just abandon my friends? Don't look down on me just because I'm from the Landi family! My family's tradition is not good, but I'm different from them!”

Lance was born in the notorious assassin family, so the last thing he wanted was to hear someone saying that he was as cruel and emotionless as his family, so when he heard Han say that at least he could get out, Lance became anxious immediately.

Han shook his head and said in a deep voice, “This has nothing to do with who you are and what your last name is. From the first day

you became a soldier, you should know, this is a cruel world. I'm just choosing the best escape plan out of rationality."

"If we split, then the dark beasts chasing us will have to split too, and that way we will have a better chance at surviving."

"Don't say anything more, it's decided! If it's in our destiny, then we will still meet again!"

Shua~

When he finished, Han didn't even look at Lan Feng or Lance and he dived straight into the right hand side passage. Lan Feng slightly waved at Lance, and he picked the left side road.

Sigh!

Lance stomped fiercely, and he continued going down the middle path with an angry face. He gritted his teeth, but he didn't use his unrivaled stealth ability.

"You guys looked down on me, you guys knew my last name is Landi so you guys looked down on me! Today, I have to let you guys all see, I'm really different from all the other Landis!"

Lance shouted inside his heart. He didn't enter stealth mode just because he wanted to prove that he was also a man of integrity even though his last name was Landi.

Ten minutes later, Lance stopped his footsteps because he felt that the sound of the dark beasts chasing him were getting smaller and smaller, as if they were no longer chasing him at all.

Lance hurried along the way back, and finally, he saw the footprints, countless footprints left behind by the dark beasts, they all ran towards the same direction.

And Lan Feng, after he realized that the dark beasts weren't chasing him, he came back too.

“What really happened? The dark beasts all went to chase Han?”

“How would I know? What the f**k is happening?”

Lan Feng and Lance stared at each other and they became speechless.

Chapter 99: If A Mountain Is In The Way Then The Mountain Will Be Destroyed

Lance and Lan Feng noticed that the dark beast army wasn't chasing them. They could relax now but at the same time, Han was pushed into a hopeless situation!

All the dark beasts were desperately chasing Han! The gap was getting closer, and Han could even hear the heavy breathing sounds of the dark beasts behind him.

Now, the only thought inside Han's head was to run!

Shua~

Han rushed through a fork in the road, and was stopped not far after, feeling extreme dizziness.

This damn road he took turned out to be a dead end!

The tough black rocks blocked off the road ahead, and there wasn't even a slight slow down of the foot steps from the large group of dark beasts chasing Han. Within a few seconds, Han would be completely blocked off by the enemies in this alley.

What to do?

What should I do?

At this moment of life and death, an unprecedented desire for survival emerged inside Han. The hope of the entire Earth was placed on his shoulders, he can't die! He could've accepted defeat any times, but not today because there was just way too much on the line!

If there is no road, then he can still make his own road!

“Power of Darkness, fully activate!”

Shua~

Suddenly, Han's right arm began to be covered with miraculous black elements, as deep as the endless dark night sky.

Waving his fists, Han started throwing his fists at that damn rock that was blocking his path!

F**king break!

Forced into a dead end, Han became like a mad beast. The Heart of Darkness's power completely exploded under the hopeless situation!

Rumble~

After a huge bang, the earth trembled!

Han's fist mixed with the dark twisting power was able to smash the earth layer that was more than 5 meters thick in one punch. A new road appeared in front of Han!

Before waiting until all the rocks dropped to the ground, Han ran like a bullet that left the gun, bolting right out!

“Extreme Nuclear Energy, 5 doses!”

Ka~

The automatic drug kit on his wrist ejected out orchid color pills into Han's mouth, which immediately triggered the hidden source power inside his zero-degree brain region.

There was another dead end in front. Guess it was just not Han's day today, picking two dead ends in a row.

“Eye of Darkness, activate!”

Shua~

Suddenly, Han's right eye became black, as gloomy as the color of his right arm. As well, his vision received the greatest degree of enhancement within 0.001 seconds.

“8.5 meters thick, I can do it!”

Power of Darkness, strike again!

Rumble~

What was the old saying about digging a path when you meet a mountain, and building a bridge when you meet water?

This was the perfect example!

Han, a human, replied with the force of darkness and his “not over until he’s dead” spirit, actually reached an advanced model excavator effect!

He didn’t care anymore about whether there was a road ahead, he would just sweep over with his power of darkness and shatter whatever stood in his way!

Pa~

Han took out a small sized plant storage box from his spatial ring, placed it bottom up on his left hand, and then pressed the open button.

Pengci~

Fresh blood began to slide down nonstop from Han’s left hand.

The plant inside the box was just like a horrifying bug. After coming into contact with Han's skin, it used its sharp root to directly pierce into Han's skin and the vine began to suck out Han's blood mouthful after mouthful.

Dark class Synthetic plant, Bloodthirsty Black Wind Vine!

Creation of the dark genetic scientists of the dark web, a powerful dark battle-type plant that fed off of the soldier's blood and source energy.

Shua~

The Bloodthirsty Black Wind Vine relied on Han's blood and source energy and quickly grew up. Every second, a large quantity of blood would be consumed by this evil dark plant to turn into their own energy!

Han's left arm really hurt and his veins were exposed to the air.

The Bloodthirsty Dark Wind Vine was obviously an illegal plant prohibited by the Milky Way Alliance. Plenty of soldiers in the past had gotten all their blood sucked out alive when using it.

But in the situation now, Han couldn't afford to care too much now. The dark beasts were getting closer. There were even a few times when Han could see the huge beasts' head and sharp teeth from the corner of his eye.

Han's situation was really worrying, he kept using his energy to break down the rock barriers nonstop and act like a pathfinder, but the group of dark beasts just needed to follow Han. As time passed, Han's energy consumption became more and more serious, but the terrifying dark beasts were still quite energetic as they slowly closed their gap with Han.

In order to survive, Han needed to use all the cards in his hand!

Within only a few seconds, the Bloodthirsty Dark Wind vine began to grow at an insane speed!

From the size of a bean, it quickly grew into hundreds of meters of long vines, each vine like a giant eagle's talon!

Such a monster was grown fully relying on Han's blood and source energy. At this moment, Han's face appeared very pale, but he was very different from other soldiers. He had the power of darkness and the incredible anti-toxin body which allowed him to take nuclear source energy pills and other alternatives, so activating the Bloodthirsty vine wouldn't be life-threatening.

One vine was just dragging behind him, and it began dancing in the air, smashing down the rock walls as he passed!

Rumble~

Since the underground maze was already very confusing, then

let's make it more confusing!

While drilling at high speeds, Han also smashed the walls to destroy the path he created!

Anywhere Han went, the walls collapsed and large areas after areas of rocks were shattered, and the maze-like underground cave suddenly became a bunch of ruins!

The energy consumption was incredible but Han's face grew more pale, and his footsteps became increasingly frail. However, the mass scale destruction was not stopping yet!

If there was no way to get out of this maze, then we will just destroy it!

Han used his illegal and extreme methods and made his own path! The dark beasts' roaring noises died away, and Han could finally feel relieved.

Shua~

The scene in front of his eyes suddenly changed. Han didn't know at all where he arrived at but the rocky layers disappeared, and it was replaced by azure ice. Inside the ice were circular channels that led deeper underground.

Plop~

Han's legs suddenly became soft, and he slipped on the ice. It was like entering a fast downward passage, his speed accelerated, and he was surrounded by blue ice layers.

Now that the rocky layers were destroyed, does he have to destroy these ice layers?

Of course.

He started waving the Bloodthirsty vine around more insanely, shattering those blue ice layers!

Cracked ice land slide!

Whenever Han passed, there was an avalanche effect! Layers after layers of blue ice was destroyed, and they fell on top of each other, resulting in more ice breaking!

Shua~

Finally, Han was thrown out of the blue ice pipeline, and the giant ice layers behind him began to collapse one by one. The Earth trembled, and the sound of ice layers shattering were extremely harsh.

Pa~

Han adjusted his body in the air, and he landed on the ground in a very exaggerate gesture. Han looked around and found himself surrounded by broken ice on an open area of dozens of square kilometers.

Under Han's feet was permafrost, and around him were some pink crystals.

Plop~

Now that he was finally safe, the exhausted Han sat right down onto the ground, opened the automatic drug kit, took 3 pills of nuclear source energy and two of zero-degree brain region joy pills. The former could help replenish the consumed source energy and the latter could protect Han's zero-degree brain region from injuries due to overuse.

“So this is actually a star crystal mine vein, seems like my fortune is not that bad after all.” Han smiled and joked.

Speaking of luck, Han's luck was absolutely not considered good, but now that things already happened, what else could Han do other than joke a bit to amuse himself? Since he ran away from the dark beasts into a star crystal mine, then he might as well just take it.

Shua~

The Bloodthirsty vine quickly extended. Under Han's control it

pulled out those pink crystals out of the permafrost layer one after another and then threw them into Han's Lunar Mark.

Star crystal was a very important type of metal catalyst. If it was used when refining advanced metals, it could significantly improve the toughness of the alloy and thus increase its price. A star crystal the size of a finger could be sold for up to a few million GC.

But what Han just harvested was about 600 ores that haven't been processed. Each one of the pink star crystal was as thick as a human arm, and could be easily sold for about 200 million GC each, with a total value of over 130 billion GC!

Without a doubt, this trip to the A-19 was an absolute disaster and Han's bad luck could not get any worse. However, he also accumulated quite a bit of fortune. After a brief estimate, the wealth in Han's hand was already at four or five hundred billion GC! If he can make it out alive, then he's absolutely wealthy enough to beat little countries.

Anyways, the lifespan of the Bloodthirsty vine far exceeded Earth Claws. As long as there's blood and source energy, then this evil plant won't die.

The process of using a Dark Wind Vine to harvest pink Star Crystals was also a break for Han, and he finally recovered about 70% of his energy. Not daring to stay here any longer, he stood up and was about to leave.

The surrounding sides were all sealed by the collapse of the ice,

and the only option was to open up a new path, which was no doubt going to be very energy-consuming.

Suddenly, just when Han was preparing to move, something happened!

From behind him, there was an explosion, and the collapsed ice layer was shattered by someone!

The ice shavings came flying like shrapnel! From where Han was standing, he roared as he flew past.

Chapter 100: Base

Boom~

After a big bang, the collapsed ice layers were shattered by someone.

Han immediately laid low and looked towards the direction where the sound came from. He only saw that after the ice broke, a group of dark beasts came out. They were much like the raptors from the dinosaur era, but also a lot more brutal-looking.

After being genetically modified by the prehistoric civilization, this type of dark beast was at least 3 meters in height. They didn't look too exaggerated but their teeth, scales, and claws were all enhanced, resulting in its fighting strength being strengthened dozens of times.

After those dark raptors appeared, they immediately surrounded Han. It seemed like they were carrying out an order to just surround but not attack. Their black eyes had no color of life, and they just stood there looking coldly at Han.

With a finger lightly pressed on his storage ring, this was the last card in Han's hand. At this moment, the despaired Han already prepared for the worst: if it didn't work, then he will use this card! Might as well die together!

Out of Han's sight, inside the ice tunnel, a man dressed in a sackcloth was doing some final preparations.

He rode on the strongest dark raptor's back, and he slowly pulled up his hat that was covering up his face, revealing a black colored visage. The expression on his face was a bit strange.

Difficult to imagine but this man in sackcloths was not like a human. Although he had the same human shape, but he looked more like a dark beast. His black skin was very tough and full of finely divided scales, his eyes were black, and so were his arms, legs and hands.

Just one second before, this strange being in sackcloths still had a somewhat joking smile on his face, but at the next second, his expression immediately changed to fear and trepidation. The expression change was as quick as magic, like a skillful professional actor.

He heavily slapped his horse, and this sackcloth being looked very nervous when he got out of the ice hole. The moment he saw Han, he used the universal Milky Way language and shouted from afar, "My Celestial King! Are you okay?!"

Not too much trepidation yet, the sackcloth being even came to the front of Han, jumped right off his ride and directly kneeled down in one knee to kowtow (TL: when the forehead touches the ground). He then saluted Han, which really caught Han off guard and made him really surprised.

"Celestial King! Do you not remember me? I'm the most loyal soldier under your command, Kunlun, a member of the region that

was left here to defend!”

“Celestial King? Could it be that you had an amnesia? Otherwise, how will you even forget your most loyal servant?”

Amnesia?

This sackcloth being just gave Han an extremely good excuse, and this monster probably took him as the Dark King, right?

Now thinking back, he used half of the Heart of Darkness left behind by the Dark King, and that was how he gained the power of the dark fist and vision. This man-like monster must be a servant of the Dark King in the past, and because he noticed Han had the power of the Dark King, he must have mistaken him to be the Celestial Dark King.

Inside Han’s mind, he started wondering about all kinds of possibilities, but it was not right, the Dark King couldn’t possibly look the same as him. According to legend, the Dark King’s whole body was pitch black like an endless black hole, and Han had the typical human look. So even if Kunlun mixed up the scent, it was still impossible to confuse the two’s physical appearance.

Just at that moment, Kunlun started talking again, “My Celestial King, it has been tens of thousands of years since we last saw each other, don’t know why Your Majesty came here? And why did Your Majesty take the human form?”

Wait, the Dark King can change his looks?

Han gritted his teeth. By now he had no other choice but to follow Kunlun's story, take it step by step and see where it goes.

"Oh, you're Kunlun." Han slightly frowned, stroking that non-existent beard of his and said in a deep voice, "There are a lot of things I actually don't remember anymore, including how I got it, but I vaguely remember you, but I'm not sure."

Kunlun was so excited that he almost cried, and he kneeled on the ground shaking, "Your Majesty is okay! This is the greatest blessing of Kunlun's life! This is not a place to talk, Your Majesty, please return follow Kunlun to base first!"

When he finished, he waved his arm and immediately, a dark raptor came to Han's side, and under Kunlun's instructions, the beast reluctantly bowed his head.

It seemed like those raptors only identified Kunlun as their master, so the action of carrying Han was completely out of order. In their eyes, there's not even the slightest sign of affection towards Han.

Faced with more than ten thousand powerful dark Raptors and a terrifying looking man-like being, Han had no choice but to jump on top of the dark raptor's back. Under Kunlun's command, they went back from the way they came from.

“My Majestic Celestial King, there are two humans nearby, should I go and kill them?” Kunlun turned around and looked at Han.

The two people Kunlun was talking about were probably Lance and Lan Feng, Han waved his hand and said, “It’s okay, just some non-important figures.”

“Yes, Your Majesty!” Kunlun saluted to Han in a very serious and respectful manner, and as he turned his head back, that jokester smile returned back to his face.

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Rumble~

The dark raptors ran like the wind, and after a few hours past, Han was already very far away from that maze.

Lan Feng and Lance should be safe now, but Han was taken to a completely unfamiliar place by Kunlun. On the way, there were twists and turns and they went through all sorts of terrain, and all kinds of big and small caves. Han became disoriented as to where he was inside the Extinction Domain.

Suddenly, the scenery ahead became open. Light was finally here and a huge metal city appeared in front of Han’s eyes.

The black city was entirely crafted from metal, and it was located

in the dark underground area, brightly lit, and there were plenty of machines busy at work. At the same time, there was also an incredible amount of dark beasts gathered, at least millions.

The biggest feature of this underground city was its huge towers. One after another sharp towers were like a bunch of black sharp knives that were inserted into the center of the city.

“Your Majesty!” Kunlun turned around and said in a deep voice, “We have arrived at the base, the entire trial dimension is managed and processed here, including the production of dark beasts.”

Han nodded blankly, the dark beasts were produced here? That means a part of this city must be the genetic factory, which is the core of the core of an extinction domain, and it was said that the destruction of the factory will make the site safe.

Han was brought by Kunlun to the strange underground city’s core, which was the inside of a spherical building, and those dark raptors were left outside.

The center was as luxurious as a palace, but the tables, chairs and lamps were all made of black metal, making the atmosphere very gloomy and depressing.

The center was surrounded by several rooms with transparent glass walls. Han curiously walked to one of them and discovered that the room was filled with blueprint memory discs. The quantity was as much as tens of thousands!

It must now be known that a blueprint selling for several millions or billions of GC in the Milky Way was very normal, and for all of these blueprint memory discs that can easily fill up a room, its total value was definitely an astronomical figure!

“Your Majesty, would you like to go see it?”

“Okay.” Han nodded lightly.

The room was not locked, Kunlun easily pushed open the glass door and brought Han into the room that was filled with blueprints. Countless numbers of memory discs were placed on the shelves, organized in accordance with the type of blueprints, like starships, electronic systems, power systems, weapons systems, and so much more.

“Your Majesty, this is a one whole set of Tier One technology blueprints. I have been instructed to carefully look after them and there were no losses. Aside from that, other trial domains have some blueprint storage as well, but few in numbers and also aren’t in complete sets.” Kunlun explained.

A set of blueprints?

Han was slightly shocked, just speaking of ship, beginning with the smallest sized space shuttles to frigates, destroyers, cruisers, battleships, dreadnoughts, carriers, there were thousands of models and all of their blueprints were in this room, including other auxiliary systems?

Without a doubt, having these blueprints was a huge treasure. After possessing them, you could manufacture all known ships and equipment in Milky Way by following the blueprints. Even for the most powerful 12 permanent management countries in Milky Way, it was still impossible to have the full set of blueprints!

Kunlun said that this was a set of Tier 1 technology blueprints, does that mean the PreHistoric Civilization had even higher Tier 2 technology?

This set's quantity exceeded 10 thousand types of complete blueprints and that made Han feel really envious. At the same time, he wondered about what Tier of technology the prehistoric civilization was at right now, but on the outside he still remained calm and collected.

After they left the blueprint room, Kunlun pointed again at some other rooms and introduced, "Look, a full set of single soldier weapon blueprints, full set of beginner level genetic engineering blueprints, I have carefully kept them and I checked every day. I have never slacked, and tried my best to fulfil the mission."

Han nodded lightly and said, "Very good, you've done well."

Receiving praise from Han, Kunlun put on a very cheerful face, then turned around and went into a closed room. The room was very strange, rooms that contained valuable blueprint samples and genetic engineering samples were all transparent without even a lock on, yet this smaller room was tightly sealed by thick alloy

walls. When Kunlun tried to enter, there was fingerprint scanning and a bunch of complex curve cryptography, and Kunlun had to fiddle around for quite a bit in order to open up the door.

It wasn't long before Kunlun took a sophisticatedly designed metal box out. It wasn't too big but it looked quite heavy, and there was a loud dull sound when Kunlun put down the box onto the table.

“Your Majesty, you came at the right time, hatching this egg needs Your Majesty's Power of Darkness, so please lend me your help.”

After he finished, Kunlun opened the box and there was an egg. A black egg, spherical, half transparent, and it gave an unexplained type of mysterious feeling.

“What is this?” Han asked curiously.

“It's just a very normal dark beast, did Your Majesty forget?”

“Yep, I have really forgotten.”

“Then wait for it to hatch, and you will naturally know.” Kunlun said, as he stared at Han with an attitude that did not allow Han to reject.